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Subject: Request No. 2016-131: Mayor recusing himself but still sitting at the dais 4/4 on two F Street homes conditional use permit -- Legal opinions from AG, CA, Ethics Commission (or anyone)?
Date: Monday, April 04, 2016 2:52:29 AM

Dear Mr. Royle, Mayor O'Brien and Vice Mayor George:

Please send, if any exist, legal opinions from AG, CA, Ethics Commission (or anyone) on the propriety of a mayor recusing himself but remaining seated at the dais during consideration of an item in which he is the appellant (two F Street homes conditional use permit), as Mayor O'Brien states he intends to do in the 4/4/16 St. Augustine Record.

If no such opinions exist, please request an opinion from the new City Attorney, James Patrick Wilson, Esq.

Thank you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Subject: Re: Formal Complaint Against Chicagoland Coal-fired Power Plants
Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016 5:38:57 PM

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Update

I'm not the only person that is sick with whatever this is. I hear that there are many other people in town that have gotten sick in the past few days after six days of not having good air quality. Where my sister-in-law and nephew work in Beloit, just about everyone was sick at work. It is like work sick or shut the company down, which they cannot afford to do. It is the headquarters for an international corporation. Whatever it is, it has screwed with my appetite

and my taste buds. Some foods taste like they usually do, but some foods taste terrible.

I'm beginning to think that when the air quality is good in Madison, it is only moderate here and when it is moderate in Madison, it is actually poor here. Brodhead is within the Sugar River Valley with ridges to the east and west. The temperature inversions hold the toxic cadmium, lead and sulfate particulates down more thickly. I think after six days of moderate, maybe actually poor air quality that caused my lungs to become congested that my immune system became compromised or weak. As result, I picked up a (b) (6)

Still not resolved.

This was the six straight day that the air quality was not good. These damn bastards that own and run these power plants need to pay for the misery that they are causing me and now expense that I cannot afford. Despite, filtering the air I was breathing, I was still hacked away at the library and after I returned home. The masks I purchased are just not suitable. They are not made for people that are out physically exerting themselves. They are made for patients and people working with patients. The mask causes my glasses to fog up.

I forgot to mention that on Saturday morning while walking to the library, I saw a guy wearing a mask. It was not because it so cold because it was not that cold on this morning. He was wearing it because the air quality was not good. Since the mask was camouflage, it apparently came from when he served in the Persian Gulf, Afghani and/or Iraqi wars or from an army surplus store. It appeared to be the type worn when there may be a bio-weapon hazard or a sandstorm.

Normally, when I take my morning walk to the library that takes me through the northern part of town, I may come across as many as a dozen people, running or walking. On these days that the air quality is not good, I don't see runners on these mornings, and as on this morning, I came across only two people walking.

The air quality doesn't stay not good all day everyday. The temperature inversion that holds the pollution near the ground dissipates or the wind direction changes usually by mid-afternoon, but not everyday. When air quality was not good on days before this bad period, it usually dissipated by the time I left the library around ten

Still not resolved. This is now putting my health at risk.

The air quality was not good again on this day, for the fifth day in a row. I have found out that one cannot obtain a heavy duty face mask without seeing a doctor first. Since I have no health insurance, no program and no income, that is not going to happen. If I attempt to go to a clinic or hospital, at the very least I will be ordered out under threat of arrest or at the worst, I will be arrested. The Monroe Clinic has a no trespassing order on me because I do not have the ability to pay for any medical bill and thanks to an SSI lawyer. All other health care providers in south central Wisconsin believe that I owe them money, which I legally do not. This is

thanks to when I was previously a client of the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and a client of Rock County Social Services (RCSS). DVR paid only 60 cent on the dollar for medical care they sent me for and RCSS, when they did cover medical bills, they paid only 50 cents on the dollar. Eventually, they went through all of the medical care providers in south central Wisconsin. These medical care providers now believe I and others that were DVR and RCSS clients owe them what they were not paid.

I'm not the only one suffering on these days when the air quality is not good. Other people I see walking and sometimes I talk with have complained. I have also noticed that some people that I normally would see out walking I'm not seeing on these days. In addition, I have noticed some people in the library on these days having respiratory problems after spending time outside, such as coughing or hacking.

Still not resolved. This was another day that the air quality was not good. I stopped at Pinnow Pharmacy to purchase a mask that would filter out the toxic cadmium, lead and sulfate. I explained to the pharmacist how when the air quality is not good that it causes me to hack up my lungs like a damn two or more pack a day cigarette smoker when they get up in the morning and causes me to suffer (b) (6) and (b) (6) for a week after. Since wearing a wet kerchief when the air quality is not good, I have not experienced this problem. I do occasionally have (b) (6). The pharmacist said that I need to obtain a heavy duty mask from a clinic or hospital or as soon as possible. They had masks and I purchased for \$6.53 a box of five, but they are not what I need. He said that in the meantime, I should wear one of these masks. I'm at risk of developing serious lung and respiratory problems.

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Still not resolved. The air quality was not good on this day, again. I hate been wearing that damn wet kerchief to filter out the toxic particulates. It causes my glasses and safety glasses to fog up. I can't wear the safety glasses that I need to protect my eyes, since I suffer from (b) (6) syndrome, from cold and wind so that my eyes do not dry out. I have to keep taking my glasses off to wipe the condensation off, which is dangerous for me to do so because I'm blind without wearing my glasses and because most of the sidewalks and streets are in such bad shape in Brodhead. Another of my (b) (6) is a (b) (6) problem. The alternative to not wearing a wet kerchief is hacking my lungs up like a damn two pack or more a day cigarette smoker and experiencing (b) (6) and (b) (6) for the next week. If anybody says I just should not walk, then they can go to hell. I have every right to walk, which I do for exercise, to maintain my weight and relieve stress, just as I have every right to breath clean, fresh air.

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It was another day with the air quality not being good. I had problems with my glasses and safety glasses fogging up when trying to breath through a wet kerchief. I have to wear safety glasses because I suffer from (b) (6) syndrome. Cold, dry air and wind dry my eyes out causing (b) (6) of the surface. I must prevent the drying out and cracking

because this will result in scarring and possible blindness. The safety glasses also protect my eyes when the air quality is not good that can cause (b) (6).

The air quality was not good on this day again. This is the fourth day in last week and there now has been ten or 11 days this month that air quality was not good. I again wore a wet kerchief over my nose so as not breath in toxic, cancer causing particulates.

It was another day that the air quality was not good. When walking, I wore a wet kerchief over my nose in an attempt to filter my breathing from inhaling toxic, cancer causing particles of cadmium, lead and sulfite. It was apparently effective enough because I did not have to hack my lungs out. I should not have to do so. My right to run or walk while breathing clean, fresh air has been violated again.

The air quality was not good on this day for the third day this week. While sitting at a computer after walking to the library, I hacked like a two pack per day smoker when they first get up in the morning.

The air quality was not good on this day again. By the time I got to the library, although breathing as lightly as possible while walking, when I sat down at a computer, I started hacking away because of (b) (6). No one, and I mean no one, has the right to violate my right or anyone's right to breathe clean, fresh air.

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The Ecotopian Society is an environmental and progressive philosophical and political network. It is dedicated to preserving and protecting the environment and our national heritage. Ecotopian political philosophy is a combination of Environmentalism, Jeffersonianism and Progressivism. Ecotopians were Democrats but first the Democratic National Committee sold out to the rich, big business and corporate America and then some of our most trusted elected Democratic leadership abandoned us. We now strive to create and build a new political party, the Ecotopian Party that will truly protect the environment and represent the people.

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Name of Firm: Chicagoland Coal-fired Power Plants

Date of complaint: January 8, 2015

Re: EPA File No. 10U-16-R5

Description of complaint:

The damn Chicagoland coal-fired power plants have been exporting their air pollution to Wisconsin again. They apparently somehow got grandfathered under the Clean Air Act so that they do not have to have scrubbers on their smokestacks. It was bad enough on Wednesday morning morning to make my eyes water while walking to the library, despite the fact that I suffer from (b) (6) syndrome. It was annoying, but better than the alternative of (b) (6) which I have experienced before when the air quality was bad. I also experienced a (b) (6) at times.

Yesterday and today the air quality has not been good.

When the wind is out of the south or southeast, it carries that air pollution into Wisconsin.

My view on how this matter should be resolved:

They need to either put scrubbers on these smokestacks or shut these power plants down permanently. If they are going to put scrubbers on, then in the meantime, if the wind is out of the south or southeast, then the power plants must be shut down.

Thank you.

My signature: (b) (6)

Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection: Do not tell me to consult an attorney. It is just plain ridiculous and stupid to tell someone that is poor or a member of the working poor that they should consult an attorney over a consumer or formal complaint because you will not do your job. The poor and working poor do not have money to pay an attorney and no attorney is going to take on a consumer or formal complaint case pro bono. If you tell me to consult with an attorney, then I will file a complaint against you for not doing your job.

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Date: Monday, April 25, 2016 3:49:19 PM

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These trucks are a status symbol for these idiots. Most do not use them as work vehicles as they are made for. They use them as commuting and/or family vehicles. In order to purchase one, they have to go farther in debt. To make the payments, put fuel in them and maintain them, they sacrifice the needs of their families. There ought to be a law. These trucks cost at least two times as much as mid-sized car and over three times as much as an economy car.

Update

I'm not the only person that is sick with whatever this is. I hear that there are many other people in town that have gotten sick in the past few days after six days of not having good air quality. Where my sister-in-law and nephew work in Beloit, just about everyone was sick at work. It is like work sick or shut the company down, which they cannot afford to do. It is the headquarters for an international corporation. Whatever it is, it has screwed with my appetite and my taste buds. Some foods take like they usually do, but some foods taste terrible.

I'm beginning to think that when the air quality is good in Madison, it is only moderate here and when it is moderate in Madison, it is actually poor here. Brodhead is within the Sugar River Valley with ridges to the east and west. The temperature inversions hold the toxic cadmium, lead and sulfate particulates down more thickly. I think after six days of moderate, maybe actually poor air quality that caused my (b) (6) that my (b) (6) system became compromised or weak. As result, I picked up a (b) (6) to

(b) (6)

Still not resolved.

This was the six straight day that the air quality was not good. These damn bastards that own and run these power plants need to pay for the misery that they are causing me and now expense that I cannot afford. Despite, filtering the air I was breathing, I was still hacked away at the library and after I returned home. The masks I purchased are just not suitable. They are not made for people that are out physically exerting themselves. They are made for patients and people working with patients. The mask causes my glasses to fog up.

I forgot to mention that on Saturday morning while walking to the library, I saw a guy wearing a mask. It was not because it so cold because it was not that cold on this morning. He was wearing it because the air quality was not good. Since the mask was camouflage, it apparently came from when he served in the Persian Gulf, Afghani and/or Iraqi wars or from an army surplus store. It appeared to be the type worn when there may be a bio-weapon hazard or a sandstorm.

Normally, when I take my morning walk to the library that takes me through the northern part of town, I may come across as many as a dozen people, running or walking. On these days that the air quality is not good, I don't see runners on these mornings, and as on this morning, I came across only two people walking.

The air quality doesn't stay not good all day everyday. The temperature inversion that holds the pollution near the ground dissipates or the wind direction changes usually by mid-afternoon, but not everyday. When air quality was not good on days before this bad period, it usually dissipated by the time I left the library around ten

Still not resolved. This is now putting my health at risk.

The air quality was not good again on this day, for the fifth day in a row. I have found out that one cannot obtain a heavy duty face mask without seeing a doctor first. Since I have no health insurance, no program and no income, that is not gong to happen. If I attempt to go to a clinic or hospital, at the very least I will be ordered out under threat of arrest or at the worst, I will be arrested. The Monroe Clinic has a no trespassing order on me because I do not have the ability to pay for any medical bill and thanks to an SSI lawyer. All other health care providers in south central Wisconsin believe that I owe them money, which I legally do not. This is thanks to when I was previously a client of the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and a client of Rock County Social Services (RCSS). DVR paid only 60 cent on the dollar for medical care they sent me for and RCSS, when they did cover medical bills, they paid only 50 cents on the dollar. Eventually, they went through all of the medical care providers in south central Wisconsin. These medical care providers now believe I and others that were DVR and RCSS clients owe them what they were not paid.

I'm not the only one suffering on these days when the air quality is not good. Other people I see walking and sometimes I talk with have complained. I have also noticed that some people

that I normally would see out walking I'm not seeing on these days. In addition, I have noticed some people in the library on these days having respiratory problems after spending time outside, such as coughing or hacking.

Still not resolved. This was another day that the air quality was not good. I stopped at Pinnow Pharmacy to purchase a mask that would filter out the toxic cadmium, lead and sulfate. I explained to the pharmacist how when the air quality is not good that it causes me to hack up my lungs like a damn two or more pack a day cigarette smoker when they get up in the morning and causes me to suffer (b) (6) and (b) (6) for a week after. Since wearing a wet kerchief when the air quality is not good, I have not experienced this problem. I do occasionally have (b) (6). The pharmacist said that I need to obtain a heavy duty mask from a clinic or hospital or as soon as possible. They had masks and I purchased for \$6.53 a box of five, but they are not what I need. He said that in the meantime, I should wear one of these masks. I'm at risk of developing serious lung and respiratory problems.

Still not resolved. This was another day that the air quality was not good.

Still not resolved. The air quality was not good on this day, again.

Still not resolved. The air quality was not good on this day, again. I hate being wearing that damn wet kerchief to filter out the toxic particulates. It causes my glasses and safety glasses to fog up. I can't wear the safety glasses that I need to protect my eyes, since I suffer from (b) (6) syndrome, from cold and wind so that my eyes do not dry out. I have to keep taking my glasses off to wipe the condensation off, which is dangerous for me to do so because I'm blind without wearing my glasses and because most of the sidewalks and streets are in such bad shape in Brodhead. Another of my visual impairments is a depth perception problem. The alternative to not wearing a wet kerchief is hacking my lungs up like a damn two pack or more a day cigarette smoker and experiencing (b) (6) and (b) (6) for the next week. If anybody says I just should not walk, then they can go to hell. I have every right to walk, which I do for exercise, to maintain my weight and relieve stress, just as I have every right to breath clean, fresh air.

Still not resolved. It was another day with the air quality not being good.

It was another day with the air quality not being good. I had problems with my glasses and safety glasses fogging up when trying to breath through a wet kerchief. I have to wear safety glasses because I suffer from (b) (6) syndrome. Cold, dry air and wind dry my eyes out causing (b) (6) of the surface. I must prevent the drying out and cracking because this will result in scarring and possible blindness. The safety glasses also protect my eyes when the air quality is not good that can cause (b) (6).

The air quality was not good on this day again. This is the fourth day in last week and there now has been ten or 11 days this month that air quality was not good. I again wore a wet kerchief over my nose so as not breath in toxic, cancer causing particulates.

It was another day that the air quality was not good. When walking, I wore a wet kerchief over my nose in an attempt to filter my breathing from inhaling toxic, cancer causing particles of cadmium, lead and sulfate. It was apparently effective enough because I did not have to hack my lungs out. I should not have to do so. My right to run or walk while breathing clean, fresh air has been violated again.

The air quality was not good on this day for the third day this week. While sitting at a computer after walking to the library, I hacked liked a two pack per day smoker when they first get up in the morning.

The air quality was not good on this day again. By the time I got to the library, although breathing as lightly as possible while walking, when I sat down at a computer, I started hacking away because of (b) (6). No one, and I mean no one, has the right to violate my right or anyone's right to breathe clean, fresh air.

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FORMAL COMPLAINT

Name of Firm: Chicagoland Coal-fired Power Plants

Date of complaint: January 8, 2015

Re: EPA File No. 10U-16-R5

Description of complaint:

The damn Chicagoland coal-fired power plants have been exporting their air pollution to Wisconsin again. They apparently somehow got grandfathered under the Clean Air Act so that they do not have to have scrubbers on their smokestacks. It was bad enough on Wednesday morning morning to make my eyes water while walking to the library, despite the fact that I suffer from (b) (6) syndrome. It was annoying, but better than the alternative of (b) (6) (b) (6) which I have experienced before when the air quality was bad. I also experienced a (b) (6) at times.

Yesterday and today the air quality has not been good.

When the wind is out of the south or southeast, it carries that air pollution into Wisconsin.

My view on how this matter should be resolved:

They need to either put scrubbers on these smokestacks or shut these power plants down permanently. If they are going to put scrubbers on, then in the meantime, if the wind is out of the south or southeast, then the power plants must be shut down.

Thank you.

My signature: (b) (6)

Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection: Do not tell me to consult an attorney. It is just plain ridiculous and stupid to tell someone that is poor or a member of the working poor that they should consult an attorney over a consumer or formal complaint because you will not do your job. The poor and working poor do not have money to pay an attorney and no attorney is going to take on a consumer or formal complaint case pro bono. If you tell me to consult with an attorney, then I will file a complaint against you for not doing your job.

MA, History, Washington College, MD

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From: (b) (6)
To: [Harrison, Brenda](#)
Cc: [Title VI Complaints](#)
Subject: Complaint Tracking Number
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:39:15 PM

April 20, 2016

Dear Miss Harrison,

I am forwarding a letter sent to Jonathan Stein, attorney advisor for the EPA last month, regarding a potentially hazardous condition in Beltsville.

Since I have not heard or had contact with anyone regarding this matter...perhaps the email was mis-sent or lost, I am again sending this complaint along with a copy to an EPA address. I was informed that this action should give me a tracking number for the complaint.

Here is the original letter:

Thursday, March 10, 201

Dear Mr. Stein:

This letter is in reference to a potentially hazardous condition that exists in my neighborhood in Beltsville, Maryland.

I am referring to, what seems to be a LFH (Low frequency hum) in and around our home at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Cedar Lane.

This constant noise has disrupted our home and interfered with our sleep habits -it seems to increase in both volume and frequency during the late to early morning hours, and is potentially contributing to a host of physical ailments both my wife and I have experienced in this past year.

I have contacted Verizon, Comcast, and Pepco regarding any potential malfunctions of their equipment in the vicinity. All of them seemed to checked out all right.

I have not contacted WSSC or Washington Gas, for one, we don't use gas, and there have not been any changes concerning our water since moving to the neighborhood in 2003.

One possible cause of this disturbing sound might be due to some recent infrastructural changes to the area. To note would be a construction project out on the street in the past year and a half concerning cable installation. A company known as *Ainet* (that's the name on the plate covers on the sidewalks) buried reels of cables about ten to fifteen feet deep stretching from one end of Montgomery Road (at the Powder Mill Intersection) all the way to Route One. They then continued in a south direction along US1.

Concerning our address at (b) (6), the cable runs directly in front our home and then continues down Cedar Lane for

some distance.

I have discussed this problem with some of my neighbors who are also concerned. There are, after all, many families with children here, mine included.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Home (b) (6)

Cell (b) (6)



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Re: Complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Dear Environmental Protection Agency/Department of Housing and Urban
Development/Department of Education Title VI Program Coordinator:

On behalf of (b) (6) and (b) (6), residents of Dallas, Texas, we file this
complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI).

I. Introduction

For the reasons stated below, we request that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Education (DEPED) undertake a Title VI compliance investigation of the City of Dallas, Texas (Dallas).

Dallas took discriminatory action on October 28, 2015 when the Dallas City Council approved public assistance funds in the amount of \$2.5 million to subsidize infrastructure for development of a private real estate transaction between Argos Ready Mix South Central (Argos) and West Dallas Investments, L.P. (WDI). The transaction results in a land swap deal and the

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relocation of the Argos existing ready mix concrete plant from 240 Singleton Boulevard (land then owned by Argos) to 2900 West Commerce (land then owned by WDI).¹

This complaint is timely under 40 C.F.R. § 7.120(b)(2), 24 C.F.R. § 1.7(b), 34 C.F.R. §100.7(b).

We request you review Dallas's actions in facilitating the relocation of the Argos batch plant to a National Priorities List Superfund Site (Superfund site) located in a majority Hispanic and African American neighborhood. The relocation site is less than 500 feet from a public middle school and within a mile of a 196 unit public housing property and private residences.² We request that the EPA, HUD, and DEPED take all appropriate measures to ensure Dallas's compliance with Title VI.

Dallas's decisions and procedures violate its duty to administer all programs and activities in a nondiscriminatory manner. These violations include both actions that have caused and will cause significant adverse impact on the basis of race, color, and ethnicity, as well as acts that constitute intentional discrimination based on these protected classes, which are prohibited by Title VI.

Complainants allege Dallas violated Title VI's prohibition on discrimination as follows:

1. Subsidizing the relocation of the Argos batch plant, without adequate consultation with and mitigation for minority residents of these neighborhoods, will continue to perpetuate discriminatory and significant adverse impacts on African American and Latino residents in West Dallas.
2. Subsidizing the relocation of the Argos batch plant without adequate consideration of the residents' concerns perpetuates past discrimination against African American and Latino residents in West Dallas who have historically borne disproportionate environmental impacts as a result of prior zoning and siting of heavy industries, including the RSR lead smelter which is now a Superfund site.
3. Subsidizing the relocation of the Argos batch plant to a location less than 500 feet from a public middle school, whose students are 98.2% Latino and African American,³ is discriminatory of equal education opportunities. Dallas's failure to adequately consider the effects of the plant relocation on the students' access to, quality of and level of educational experiences and programs is a violation of their obligation to ensure Title VI compliance.
4. Subsidizing the relocation of the Argos batch plant within a mile of Kingsbridge Crossing, home to primarily low income African American and Latino residents of West Dallas, discriminates against and forces West Dallas residents to bear the brunt of environmental and health impacts of the Argos batch plant operation.

¹ See Exhibit A at 6-8.

² See Exhibit B

³ <https://mydata.dallasisd.org/docs/CILT2016/DP74.pdf>

5. Dallas intentionally discriminated against African American and Latino residents in West Dallas implementing discriminatory procedures by prioritizing and subsidizing commercial and industrial development over the rights and needs of West Dallas residents through development agreements which resulted in the selection of the current site to be used for the relocation of the batch plant, by failing to adequately consider the impact of the relocation on the residents of West Dallas, by failing to adequately provide and allow for meaningful public participation of residents, and by ignoring the input and concerns of residents.

II. Complainants

Complainants (b) (6) and (b) (6) are African American residents of West Dallas.

(b) (6) are concerned about the health and safety issues posed by the relocation of the Argos batch plant, further transformation of West Dallas into a heavy industrial area, increase in industrial traffic on roads that are adjacent to a public school and family public housing property, and the reduction of property values in the neighborhood.

The exclusion of West Dallas residents from meaningful participation in the decision making process regarding the allocation of public assistance to Argos and the zoning and siting of heavy industry in their neighborhood exacerbate and perpetuate past discrimination against African American and Latino residents in West Dallas.

III. Dallas must comply with Title VI as a recipient of federal funding

Dallas is a past and current recipient of federal funding. These include grants from the EPA, HUD, and DEPED.⁴

As a recipient of federal funding, Dallas is required to provide assurances of compliance with Title VI.⁵ Additionally, Dallas is required to assure “nondiscrimination in all of its programs, activities, and services, [regardless of] whether those programs, activities, and services are federally funded or not” by its own Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy.⁶ Furthermore, that same policy requires Dallas to assure compliance with Executive Order 12898 and address environmental justice issues in minority populations and low income populations.⁷

Accordingly, Dallas’s actions in facilitating the relocation of the batch plant are subject to the requirements of Title VI.

IV. Factual and Historical Background

⁴ The City of Dallas received federal grants from the EPA, HUD, and DEPED in fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. *See* Exhibits C, D, and E.

⁵ *See* 40 C.F.R. part 7 (EPA), 24 C.F.R. §1.5 (HUD), 34 C.F.R. §100.4 (DEPED)

⁶ *See* Exhibit F

⁷ *Id.*

The neighborhoods of La Bajada, Los Altos, Homestead, Gilmore, Muncie, Victory Gardens, Kingsbridge Crossing, Bickers Park, Ledbetter Gardens, Westmoreland Gardens, Eagle Ford, La Loma, La Estrella, and Westmoreland Heights, collectively, (West Dallas) will be negatively impacted by the relocation of the batch plant.

Dallas has a history of regulating land use throughout the city.⁸ West Dallas contains 12 brownfields sites, and one Superfund site.⁹ The one-mile radius of the Superfund site—which is adjacent to the relocation site—has an approximately 97 percent minority population.¹⁰ In comparison, Dallas County has a 47 percent minority population.¹¹

The area where the concrete batch plant will be relocated to is currently designated as a “racially/ethnically-concentrated area of poverty” by HUD.¹² As such, it is clear that there is a long history of Dallas government approval for siting industrial activities near low income and minority neighborhoods in West Dallas.

A. History of the Superfund Site

A large lead smelter was operated by RSR and/or its predecessors from 1936 to 1984 near the intersection of Singleton and Westmoreland.¹³ The primary activities of the site were “the preparation of scrap lead batteries, hard and soft lead refining process, alloying, and fabrication.”¹⁴ The smelter and a large area surrounding it were added to the National Priorities List as a Superfund site in the early 1990s.¹⁵ This site is immediately adjacent to the relocation site for the batch plant.¹⁶

Air emissions were virtually uncontrolled for over 30 years, until the City of Dallas enacted a lead control ordinance in 1968.¹⁷ Ordinance violations immediately followed, and the 1970s brought various enforcement actions and compliance efforts by both Texas and federal agencies.¹⁸ Various investigations have found dangerous environmental contaminants including lead, arsenic, and cadmium.¹⁹ Such contaminants were released as air emissions from the smelter, the use of

⁸ *Dallas City Code* Ch. 51P, Pre.51P-1.102.

⁹ CIMC Map Tool, Online at

https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/cimc/f?p=CIMC:73::NO:73:P71_WELSEARCH:75212%7CZipcode%7C%7C%7C%7Ctrue%7Ctrue%7Ctrue%7Ctrue%7Ctrue%7Ctrue%7C-1%7Csites%7CN%7Cbasic.

¹⁰ Environmental Protect Agency, Census 2010 1-Mile Report,

<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/demogreportpdf.aspx?report=census2010sf1&coords=-96.8725%2C32.77694&featype=point&radius=1.0>.

¹¹ Community Facts – Census 2010, available online at

<http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF>.

¹² U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Data and Mapping Tool, online at <http://egis.hud.gov/affht/#>. Accessed April 21, 2016.

¹³ CDC Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry, Public Health Assessment – RSR Corporation, August 16, 1995. Available online at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/hac/pha/pha.asp?docid=134&pg=0>.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0602297>

¹⁶ See Exhibit B

¹⁷ CDC ATSDR Report, *Supra* Note 13

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ *Id.*

battery chips and slag as residential fill, and the disposal of battery chip and slag materials in landfills and dumps.²⁰

In the early 1980s, despite modifications by RSR, the smelter site continued to fail to meet federal air quality standards, causing the Texas Air Control Board to take action.²¹ At this same time, blood screening of area children indicated excessive lead exposure.²² In 1983, the State of Texas and the City of Dallas sued RSR for its violations of city ordinances and the Texas Clean Air Act.²³ The smelter facility was finally forced to cease operations in 1984 when the Dallas Board of Adjustment denied a necessary operating permit.²⁴

Nonetheless, the effects of the decades of pollution continued well beyond the closing of the smelter. Remedial work began, as did a public health and medical monitoring program.²⁵ In 1991, soil samples taken by the Texas Water Commission showed elevated levels of lead, arsenic, and cadmium, resulting in a request that the EPA review the site.²⁶ The EPA then began a second remedial program, and by 1993, the RSR site had been designated as a “Superfund” site.²⁷

As detailed above, the smelter operations negatively affected the health of the community. West Dallas residents recalled “everything being gray” with particulate from the smelter.²⁸ The residual effects of the smelter’s operation continue to affect West Dallas.²⁹ This history and the current facilitation of the batch plant’s relocation has led area residents to not trust their elected officials.³⁰

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/dallas-will-spend-2-5-million-to-help-trinity-groves-cement-plant-move-near-middle-school.html/>

²⁹ <http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/dallas-honored-for-housing-poor-people-on-former-superfund-site-7783908>

³⁰ <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2015/10/28/west-dallas-concrete-plant-relocating-aided-by-2-5-million-boost-from-the-city/>; and <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/dallas-will-spend-2-5-million-to-help-trinity-groves-cement-plant-move-near-middle-school.html/>

V. **Dallas's violation of Title VI**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides:

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.³¹

Dallas, a recipient of federal financial assistance from the EPA, HUD, and the DEPED, has violated Title VI by its October 28, 2015 decision to provide \$2.5 million of public assistance to Argos to facilitate the relocation of its batch plant to a site in the majority minority neighborhood of West Dallas.

Dallas's actions will benefit Dallas, Argos, and West Dallas Investments, L.P. (WDI) at the expense of West Dallas residents who consist of a substantially higher percentage of African Americans and Latinos than Dallas as a whole.

A. Disparate impacts suffered by West Dallas neighborhoods

The residents of West Dallas will disproportionately bear the harmful impacts of the relocated batch plant. Dallas has failed to properly address and mitigate the impacts that the new batch plant will have in West Dallas, including increased air and noise pollution, threats to area school children and residents from plant operations, and decreased property values.

1. Increased air pollution

Relocating the batch plant to 2900 W. Commerce Street will expose its residents to increased levels of heavy industrial truck emissions due to the higher traffic flow in these communities.

In its presentation to Dallas's Economic Development Committee (EDC), Argos and WDI represented that the relocated batch plant will be better than the existing facility.³² They also represented that the public benefits of the relocated batch plant will "potentially" lead to 48 more jobs, eliminate an "eyesore" and reduce plant related traffic at its current location, and will improve air quality as the relocated plant will be LEED certified.³³ In addition, Dallas states that the relocated plant will be LEED certified in its agreement to award Argos \$2.5 million dollars in public assistance.³⁴

What is not discussed by Argos/WDI, nor required or requested by Dallas, is the basis for the blanket statement that it will improve air quality. Where will it be improved? How will it be

³¹ 42 U.S.C. § 2000d

³² See Exhibit A

³³ *Id.* at 7, 9.

³⁴ See Exhibit G

improved? What is the degree of improvement and is it meaningful? Are these possible rather than attainable results?

Neither the materials provided to the EDC nor the subsequent agreement executed by Dallas provide even cursory attempts at oversight, compliance, or enforcement mechanisms to ensure the representations made by Argos would be fulfilled.

Argos and Dallas do not address the effects the relocation of the batch plant will have on neighborhood traffic, pedestrians, or property values, nor consider how foreseeable negative effects may be ameliorated.

The existing Argos facility at 240 Singleton is serviced by both train and a fleet of heavy trucks.³⁵ The relocated facility would require construction of an additional railway spur in West Dallas.³⁶ In addition to new railway traffic, the neighborhoods would also be forced to absorb higher traffic from Argos' fleet of trucks. The chosen relocation site is currently vacant land that has trees, shrubs, and other forms of vegetation that provide a natural barrier between the area residences and middle school, and the other industrial sites in the area.³⁷ Simply put, the area is not a verdant landscape, but it is undeveloped. As such, the construction of a new railway spur and heavy trucks will necessarily increase air pollution in the area.

Nowhere in its proposal does Argos address these issues, or offer any form of prospective mitigation to ease the burden the plant will have on the residents of West Dallas. In its agreement to grant Argos \$2.5 million dollars of public assistance, Dallas merely required that Argos operate the relocated plant for 5 years and not employ any undocumented workers.

Given the history of the neighborhoods in the area, their minority make-up, and their past exposure to air pollution, Dallas should have taken further measures to ensure the batch plant it agreed to help relocate would not cause the residents of West Dallas to disproportionately suffer harmful air pollution impacts that would accompany placing a batch plant in the middle of their communities.

2. Increased noise pollution

The increased noise impact from the relocated plant and accompanying traffic will be borne predominately by the low-income and minority population of West Dallas.

As stated above, the relocation site is currently an undeveloped plot of land.³⁸ Dallas and Argos have agreed to relocate Argos' cement batch plant to the site,³⁹ thereby transforming the vacant lot to allow for industrial manufacturing.⁴⁰ The area will have new construction,⁴¹ new

³⁵ See Exhibit A at 7 (“plant’s aggregate stone is brought to its current location by rail”) and p. 9 (“Argos committed to convert its truck fleet...”).

³⁶ *Id.* at 7 (“New location is not currently serviced by rail...”).

³⁷ See Exhibit B

³⁸ *Id.*

³⁹ See Exhibit G

⁴⁰ See Exhibit H

⁴¹ See Exhibit G at 4 and Exhibit A at 9

train tracks,⁴² and more truck and train traffic.⁴³ These actions are sure to introduce more noise pollution into the area.

Nothing in the materials provided to the EDC or the agreement executed by Dallas mentioned any measures to address and mitigate the noise impacts that would accompany the relocation of the batch plant on the area residents.

3. Harm to children and school staff

The traffic, air pollution, and noise pollution that will accompany the relocation of the batch plant will affect the students and staff at Thomas A. Edison Middle Learning Center.

The lead resting in the Superfund site adjacent to the middle school where the batch plant will be relocated was once described as the “largest lead-contaminated site in the United States.”⁴⁴

West Dallas residents are concerned whether constructing and operating the relocated batch plant will disturb the lead-contaminated soil at the site. Dallas has offered the residents no response. Although debate exists regarding standards by which to measure lead exposure in children,⁴⁵ it is clear that disturbing lead from its resting place increases the risk of exposure.⁴⁶ What is not legitimate about questioning the risk of disturbing a location known to be the largest lead-contaminated site in close proximity of where children learn and play and where families work and live?

Thomas A. Edison Middle Learning Center is located less than 500 feet from the relocation site for the batch plant.⁴⁷ The roads closest to the middle school are Singleton, N. Westmoreland, W. Commerce, Akron, Bedford, Kingsbridge, Manila, Pointer, and Westerfield.⁴⁸ Of these, only N. Westmoreland and Singleton have more than two lanes in either direction of traffic.⁴⁹ The relocation site is located on W. Commerce, but traffic would use either N. Westmoreland to access Interstate 30 or Interstate 35, or Singleton to access State Highway 366 and its connections.⁵⁰ Both of these routes would require heavy trucks to regularly run through an area within a quarter mile of the middle school.⁵¹

⁴² See Exhibit G at 4 and Exhibit A at 9

⁴³ See Exhibit A at 7-9

⁴⁴ See <http://oakcliff.advocatemag.com/2015/11/city-to-move-west-dallas-concrete-plant-next-to-superfund-site/>

⁴⁵ See <http://www.dallasnews.com/burdenoflead/20121214-the-burden-of-lead-west-dallas-deals-with-contamination-decades-later.ece>

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ See Exhibit B

⁴⁸ *Id.*

⁴⁹ *Id.*

⁵⁰ *Id.*

⁵¹ *Id.*

Unfortunately, West Dallas residents recently experienced tragedy when three children were killed in an accident just down Singleton from the middle school.⁵² The relocation of the batch plant would cause a fleet of trucks be routed through the area near the middle school.⁵³ Adding more traffic to an already busy area, without adequate mitigation, is a recipe for disaster.

Dallas plans to gentrify the Trinity Groves neighborhood where the existing Argos site is now posing as an “eyesore” and source of irritation are a foregone conclusion. Argos/WDI are by all accounts the private entities destined to own the development and provide the construction materials that are the means to that end.

What is the true cost of the relocation plan on the lives of West Dallas adults and children? Surely they have the right to obtain substantive answers before their tax dollars go to work for the prosperity of the City of Dallas.

4. Decreased property values

Relocation of Argos will cause residential property values to diminish, result in the area’s relapse into an industrial wasteland, and adversely affect the availability of low-income housing Dallas.

Argos/WDI briefing material to the Dallas Economic Development Committee states that the existing Argos buildings are viewed as an “‘eyesore’ and are incompatible with redevelopment efforts in the area.”⁵⁴ As such, relocation would result in converting Argos real estate on Singleton Boulevard into a site that would “include a mixture of hotel, office and/or residential uses with a total estimated investment of \$175M to \$225M.”⁵⁵

Presently, the Dallas Housing Authority operates the Kingbridge Crossing, a development that provides affordable housing to West Dallas residents.⁵⁶ The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs funds several other properties to provide affordable housing to low income residents of West Dallas, including two properties geared toward low income senior citizens.⁵⁷ All of these properties are located with a half mile radius of the relocation site for the batch plant.⁵⁸

Stock of affordable housing for West Dallas residents was devastated the last time the relocation site hosted an industrial plant.⁵⁹ For example, Dallas Housing Authority was not able to build new affordable housing in West Dallas until the late 1990s.⁶⁰

⁵²See <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/dallas-county/one-killed-others-seriously-injured-in-west-dallas-accident/106791887>

⁵³ See Exhibit A at 9

⁵⁴ *Id.* at p. 8.

⁵⁵ *Id.* at p. 9.

⁵⁶ See Exhibit I

⁵⁷ See Exhibit J

⁵⁸ See Exhibit B

⁵⁹ See <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0602297>

⁶⁰ See Exhibit I; and <http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/dallas-honored-for-housing-poor-people-on-former-superfund-site-7783908>

The existing Argos facility has been described as an “eyesore” that needs to be moved so that the area it is currently located in can be developed.⁶¹ As detailed below, Dallas eagerly played an active role in facilitating this move. However, Dallas fails to consider the effect this “eyesore” will have on the property values and development in the neighborhoods of West Dallas where it is being sited.

An “eyesore” for Trinity Groves gentry is apparently perfectly suited for children of Thomas A. Edison Middle Learning Center and their West Dallas neighborhood.

Despite its awareness of the disparate and adverse impact to the low income and majority minority neighborhoods of West Dallas, Dallas has not taken any steps at mitigating the foreseeable harm that will be caused by the relocation of the batch plant.

B. Inadequate public participation

Adequate and meaningful public participation is key to complying with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI. Dallas has taken multiple steps to assist in the relocation of the batch plant with inadequate procedures in place to assure meaningful public participation by the residents of West Dallas.

1. City’s development deals

Dallas has regular City Council meetings every Wednesday at 9am in City Hall at 1500 Marilla, in downtown Dallas.⁶² Briefing meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and voting meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays.⁶³ These meetings are always downtown and held during the work week during working hours,⁶⁴ which limits the ability of any resident to meaningfully participate.

Here Dallas engaged in a multiyear staggered campaign to relocate the batch plant as part of its larger goal to redevelop the area known locally as “Trinity Groves”⁶⁵ as part of the Gateway Project.⁶⁶ The meetings where Dallas approved agreements that resulted in the vote to relocate the batch plant were all held between 9:02am and 5:26pm.⁶⁷ Although Dallas’s meetings themselves are broadcast using various media,⁶⁸ the meeting agendas are irregularly posted publicly in advance of the meetings.⁶⁹ Though the posting of meetings technically complies with the minimum requirements of Texas law,⁷⁰ the lack of more advance notice for City meetings effectively prevented residents from discovering Dallas’s plans to relocate the batch plant until the

⁶¹ See <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/concrete-plant-next-to-trinity-groves-finds-a-new-home-paving-the-way-for-long-rumored-hotel.html/>

⁶² See Exhibit K

⁶³ *Id.*

⁶⁴ *Id.*

⁶⁵ See Exhibit L at 16-23; Exhibit M at 79-83; Exhibit G at 1-5

⁶⁶ See Exhibit A

⁶⁷ See Exhibits N, O, and P

⁶⁸ See Exhibit K

⁶⁹ *Id.* at 1; Exhibit Q; Exhibit R

⁷⁰ *Tex. Gov’t Code* §551.43(a)

last moment.⁷¹ The agenda for the October 28th meeting that provided the final nail in the coffin was publicly posted on October 16th, a mere 12 days in advance of the vote to subsidize the relocation of the batch plant to West Dallas.⁷² Without full insider knowledge of the big picture, it was impossible for residents of West Dallas to be able to participate in any meaningful way in Dallas's public hearings where these deals were considered and voted on.⁷³ These actions by Dallas discriminated against the residents of West Dallas by effectively making it infeasible for them to meaningfully participate.

2. City's rezoning process

Dallas also used its "role in local economic development"⁷⁴ to push Argos' general zoning change (GZC) application for the relocation site in order to facilitate the move of the batch plant.

As part of the rezoning process, Dallas's notice procedures were inadequate to provide the residents of West Dallas with any meaningful notice of the proposed change in land use in their neighborhood. Dallas only required that Argos post two signs on an almost 10 acre piece of property only visible from a sparsely populated street ten days in advance of the initial City Planning Commission (CPC) meeting.⁷⁵ It's not clear what methods Dallas took to ensure that the posting requirements were actually complied with. However, it is clear that once Argos submitted its application to re-zone the relocation area, the CPC worked closely with it to get their application to the CPC scheduled public hearing.⁷⁶

During the application process, GZC applications are subject to CPC staff review and recommendations.⁷⁷ Notably, the CPC staff recommended that the Argos GZC application for the relocation site be *denied*.⁷⁸ However, the CPC still held a public meeting to consider the application.⁷⁹ CPC meetings are also scheduled during the work week and working hours for the "convenience" of Dallas residents.⁸⁰ Here, Argos's application was heard at the CPC meeting on *Thursday*, April 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.⁸¹ Months later, the same application was approved by a City Council that was in the midst of changing membership.⁸²

A mere 10 days prior to holding either of these hearings, Dallas requires notice to be mailed out to property owners in the notification area.⁸³ However, given the nature of the batch plant's operations and the history of environmental discrimination faced by the residents of West Dallas,

⁷¹ See <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/2015/11/residents-urge-city-to-reconsider-moving-west-dallas-cement-plant-near-school.html/>

⁷² See Exhibit R

⁷³ <http://northdallasgazette.com/2015/12/08/west-dallas-residents-plan-to-fight-relocation-of-argos-plant/>

⁷⁴ See Exhibit G at 1

⁷⁵ See Exhibit S at 8

⁷⁶ *Id.* at 3

⁷⁷ *Id.* at 2

⁷⁸ See Exhibit H

⁷⁹ *Id.*

⁸⁰ See Exhibit T

⁸¹ See Exhibit H

⁸² *Id.*; and <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/dallas-will-spend-2-5-million-to-help-trinity-groves-cement-plant-move-near-middle-school.html/>

⁸³ See Exhibit S at 2

merely mailing notice to property owners within the 400 feet notification area was woefully inadequate.⁸⁴ As the relocation site is the same former lead smelter and current Superfund Site, a majority of the property owners within 400 feet are business.⁸⁵ Even still, a number of property owners responded in opposition to the CPC to Argos's GZC application.⁸⁶ This process repeated itself when Argos' GZC application was considered by City Council.⁸⁷

If these actions were not bad enough, a review of the notification lists for both the CPC and City Council reveals that notice was not sent to the correct address for Dallas Independent School District (DISD), which owns and operates Thomas A. Edison middle school.⁸⁸ The fact that DISD didn't receive adequate notice of the change was driven home by DISD stating that while they were aware of the zoning change generally, it was unaware of the specifics involved with siting a batch plant less than 500 feet from one of its campuses.⁸⁹ Moreover, the vote to subsidize the batch plant move came just days before a DISD bond package, that included infrastructure improvements for Thomas A. Edison Middle Learning Center, was to be voted on.⁹⁰ This has left the middle school in a lurch, with DISD now considering how to move forward with an industrial plant at its back door.⁹¹

Overall, Dallas's actions perpetuate the government's history of discrimination against the low income majority minority neighborhoods of West Dallas. Rather than provide adequate opportunity for meaningful participation for West Dallas residents, Dallas engaged in a multiyear tact of smoke and mirrors in the name of "development." A long suffering resident of West Dallas put it simply, "what they [Dallas] need to understand is there's a voice here that's not being heard and it's the poor people."⁹²

⁸⁴ See Exhibit U

⁸⁵ See Exhibit V

⁸⁶ See Exhibit W

⁸⁷ See Exhibits X and Y

⁸⁸ See Exhibit W and X

⁸⁹ See <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/29/dallas-will-spend-2-5-million-to-help-trinity-groves-cement-plant-move-near-middle-school.html/>

⁹⁰ *Id.*

⁹¹ See <http://legacy.wfaa.com/story/news/2015/10/29/disd-weighs-future-of-school-after-concrete-plant-vote/74838030/>

⁹² See <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Concrete-Plant-to-Move-After-Sharply-Divided-Dallas-Council-Vote-338134412.html>

VI. EPA, HUD, and DEPED should take all necessary steps to correct Dallas's violations of Title VI

For the reasons set forth above, Dallas is not in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Accordingly, the EPA, HUD, and DEPED may use any means authorized by law to obtain compliance with Title VI.

As such, complainants on behalf of themselves and all West Dallas residents, request the EPA, HUD, and DEPED take all necessary steps to ensure that Dallas comes into full compliance with the requirements of Title VI regarding this matter.⁹³ If necessary, such steps should include, but not be limited to, launching an investigation, discontinuing all present and future federal funding to Dallas, requiring Dallas to take any and all necessary steps to comply with Title VI in the future and in this matter and referring the matter to the U.S. Department of Justice for further investigation.⁹⁴

Thank you for your prompt attention to prevent further discrimination related to the relocation of the batch plant into West Dallas. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information to assist the EPA, HUD, or DEPED in addressing these serious concerns.

Sincerely,

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⁹³ See 40 C.F.R. § 7.130; 24 C.F.R. § 1.8; 34 C.F.R. § 100.8

⁹⁴ See 40 C.F.R. § 7.130; 24 C.F.R. § 1.8; 34 C.F.R. § 100.8

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To whom it may concern,

Attached is our clients' Title VI complaint regarding the actions the City of Dallas has recently taken in subsidizing the relocation of a concrete batch plant to the RSR lead smelter Superfund site.

I'm sending you our clients' complaint electronically for ease of review by your office. We will also fax you our 13 page complaint and the exhibits will follow in US mail.

Please feel free to contact our office should your office have any questions.

Regards,

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RE: Complaint Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and 40 C.F.R. Part 7 against the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for Administratively Continuing NPDES Permit No. AR0001210 to Georgia-Pacific, LLC.

Dear Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Golightly-Howell:

Ouachita Riverkeeper and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (“LEAN”) bring this complaint against the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (“ADEQ”) under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and the EPA’s implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7.

INTRODUCTION

1. Effective November 1, 2015, ADEQ administratively continued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit that authorizes Georgia-Pacific, LLC to discharge its wastewater to Coffee Creek prior to treatment. The untreated wastewater flows through a majority African-American area in the community of West Crossett, Arkansas. The untreated discharges subject this community to harmful emissions and also eliminate their use of Coffee Creek as a natural resource. ADEQ’s decision to administratively continue its authorization of these discharges has “the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination because of their race, color, [or] national origin” and “the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the program or activity with respect to individuals of a particular race,” i.e., African-Americans. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.35(b).

2. The permit at issue, NPDES Permit No. AR0001210,¹ allows Georgia-Pacific to

¹ NPDES Permit No. AR0001210 is available online on the ADEQ Water Division Final Permits Database, http://www2.adeq.state.ar.us/downloads/WebDatabases/PermitsOnline/NPDES/IssuedPermits/ar0001210_renewal_20100930.pdf

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discharge an average of 45 million gallons a day of untreated wastewater from its three co-located operations, i.e., Pulp and Paper Operations, Chemicals Operations² and Plywood/Stud Mill (collectively, “plant” or “facility”) in West Crossett, directly into Coffee Creek. By continuing the permit, ADEQ allows Georgia-Pacific to convert Coffee Creek into a toxic flume to carry its waste miles through a predominantly African-American community. Allowing the use of Coffee Creek to transport and treat Georgia-Pacific’s wastewater interferes with the residents’ quality of life and causes them to worry about health effects. *See*, Emily Crane Linn, *How a Paper Plant in Arkansas is Allegedly Poisoning the People of Crossett*, Newsweek (April 12, 2016).³ *See also*, *COMPANY TOWN* (Penn Road Productions 2016) a documentary detailing the effects of the Georgia-Pacific facility on the residents of Crossett, Arkansas, <http://www.companytownfilm.com/>

3. For years, Complainants and community members have alerted ADEQ to the adverse effects the discharges of wastewater have on their health and the environment. They have asked ADEQ to provide greater protection. Despite these requests, ADEQ has allowed Georgia-Pacific to continue discharging its wastewater into Coffee Creek without meeting Clean Water Act requirements.

4. Complainants ask the Office of Civil Rights to enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and EPA’s implementing regulations. Complainants request that EPA investigate the complaint and, upon finding discrimination, require that ADEQ come into compliance with the law by requiring proper treatment of Georgia-Pacific’s wastewater before discharging into Coffee Creek. Complainants ask the Office of Civil Rights to respond with the full force of law by withdrawing ADEQ’s funding if needed to protect the minority community in Crossett from being forced to live and work near unlawful sources of pollution and allow Coffee Creek to return to its state as a natural waterway that is an asset to the community.

PARTIES

5. Ouachita Riverkeeper is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Louisiana. It is a Waterkeeper Organization and part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, which is a grassroots advocacy organization consisting of nearly 200 Waterkeeper Organizations dedicated to preserving and protecting the world’s waters. Ouachita Riverkeeper is dedicated to protecting, restoring, and advocating for the protection of the Ouachita River watershed. In its work to protect the Ouachita River watershed, Ouachita Riverkeeper helps to ensure compliance with laws and regulations intended to preserve and enhance natural resources and environmental quality in the area.

6. LEAN is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. LEAN serves as an umbrella organization for environmental and citizen groups. LEAN’s purpose includes preserving and protecting the state’s land, air, water, and other natural resources and protecting its members and other residents of the state from threats caused by

² The Chemical Operations include a formaldehyde plant, resin manufacturing, and tall oil plant.

³ <http://www.newsweek.com/crossett-arkansas-georgia-pacific-factory-pollution-446954>.

pollution. LEAN has an interest in protecting the Ouachita River, which flows into Louisiana several miles downstream of Crossett, Arkansas.

7. ADEQ is an agency of the State of Arkansas. EPA delegated authority to issue NPDES permits to the State of Arkansas under 33 U.S.C. §1342(b). Approval of Arkansas' NPDES Program, 51 Fed. Reg. 44518 (Dec. 10, 1986).

JURISDICTION

ADEQ is Subject to Title VI

8. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits recipients of federal funds from discriminating against individuals on the basis of race, color, or national origin. It provides that “[n]o person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” 42 U.S.C. § 2000d. Acceptance of federal funds, including EPA assistance, therefore creates an obligation on the recipient to comply with Title VI and EPA’s implementing regulations.

9. EPA’s Title VI regulations provide that “[n]o person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving EPA assistance on the basis of race, color [or] national origin.” 40 C.F.R. § 7.30. The regulations prohibit recipients of federal funds, such as ADEQ, from using “criteria or methods of administering its program or activity which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination because of their race, color, [or] national origin, . . . or have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the program or activity with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, [or] national origin.” 40 C.F.R. § 7.35(b).

10. Because ADEQ receives federal financial assistance from EPA, ADEQ must comply with Title VI in implementing all of its programs. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-4a; *Grimes v. Superior Home Health Care of Middle Tennessee, Inc.*, 929 F. Supp. 1088, 1091-92 (M.D. Tenn. 1996) (“[E]ntire entities receiving federal funds . . . must comply with Title VI, rather than just the particular program or activity that actually receives the funds.”).

11. ADEQ is a recipient of EPA assistance. According to USASpending.gov,⁴ as of April 15, 2016, EPA had awarded \$419,521 to ADEQ in federal funds thus far for fiscal year 2016, with \$406,628 of the funds earmarked for “Water Pollution Control State, Interstate, and Tribal Program Support.” *See* <https://www.usaspending.gov/transparency/Pages/RecipientProfile.aspx?DUNSNumber=809594054&FiscalYear=2016>. In fiscal year 2015, EPA awarded ADEQ a total of \$6,713,671 in federal

⁴ USASpending.gov is a searchable website operated by the Office of Management and Budget, which provides the public with information about federal awards, including the name of the entity receiving the award and the amount of the award.

funds:

<https://www.usaspending.gov/transparency/Pages/RecipientProfile.aspx?DUNSNumber=809594054&FiscalYear=2015>; 40 C.F.R. § 7.25 (defining “EPA assistance” to include “any grant or corporative agreement, loan, contract . . . or any other arrangement by which EPA provides or otherwise makes available assistance in the form of funds”).

TIMELINESS

12. By failing to replace Georgia-Pacific's unlawful permit with a lawful permit by the expiration date of October 31, 2015—despite Georgia-Pacific's timely renewal application—ADEQ administratively continued Georgia-Pacific's unlawful permit effective November 1, 2015. *See* Ark. Admin. Code 014.04.6-201 (“Conditions of a [NPDES] permit issued by [ADEQ] will continue in effect past the expiration date pending issuance of a new permit, if: (1) The permittee has submitted a timely and complete application as described in 40 C.F.R. § 122.21; and (2) The Director, through no fault of the permittee, does not issue a new permit prior to the expiration date of the previous permit”); Ltr from ADEQ to Georgia-Pacific, May 15, 2015 (“The application for renewal of your expiring NPDES permit was received on 5/4/2015, with additional information received 5/13/2015. In accordance with Department policy, your application has been reviewed and determined to be administratively complete.”), Ex. A. ADEQ’s failure to timely replace the permit—knowing that its omission would have the effect of administratively continuing the permit—constitutes discriminatory governmental action. *See, e.g.,* 5 U.S.C. § 551(13) (“‘agency action’ includes the whole or a part of an agency rule, order, license, sanction, relief, or the equivalent or denial thereof, or failure to act. . .”). *See also* 64 Fed. Reg. 46058, 46080-81 (explaining EPA authority to promulgate a rule authorizing objections to state administrative continuance of expired permits).

13. This complaint is timely as it is filed within 180 days of the discriminatory action, i.e., November 1, 2015—the date that ADEQ failed to issue a replacement permit and thus administratively continued Georgia-Pacific’s unlawful permit.

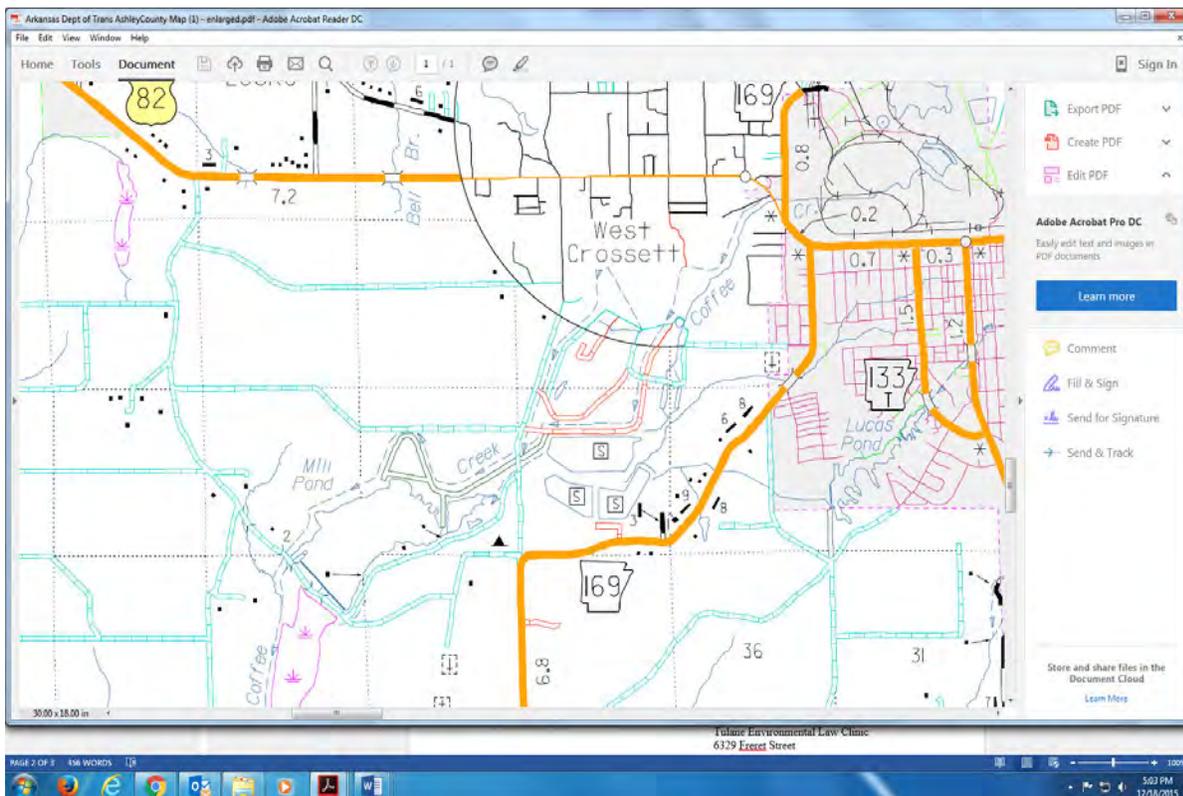
FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Coffee Creek

14. Coffee Creek is a natural waterbody and tributary of the Ouachita River. Coffee Creek's headwaters begin near the Georgia-Pacific facility in Crossett, Arkansas. The creek flows south from the Georgia Pacific facility approximately three miles to a dammed portion of the creek called Mill Pond. Coffee Creek then flows from the pond approximately another five miles to Mossy Lake. From Mossy Lake, Coffee Creek flows about a half of a mile to the Ouachita River at a point approximately two miles upstream from the Louisiana border.

15. The entire length of Coffee Creek from its headwaters to the Ouachita River is a navigable water as defined in the Clean Water Act at 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7) and is a water of the United States as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 122.2. The U.S. Geological Service (“USGS”) uses a solid blue line on its topographical maps to designate perennial streams. USGS topography maps

show Coffee Creek by name as a solid blue-line stream originating near the Georgia-Pacific facility and flowing south to Mossy Lake and then to the Ouachita River. See <http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/basic/?basemap=b1&category=nbd,ned,nedsrc,histtopo,nhd,hro,nai,nbdmi,gnis,nlcd,smallscale,nsd,vectorcmb,ntd,ustopo,woodland&q=&zoom=14&bbox=-92.04749107,33.09211682,-91.96397781,33.14459429&preview=&avail=&refpoly=> In addition, an official Arkansas Department of Transportation map identifies Coffee Creek as a stream that originates near the Georgia-Pacific facility and flows to Mossy Lake. See enlarged view screen shot below, which is available at <http://www.arkansashighways.com/maps/Counties/County%20PDFs/AshleyCounty.pdf>.



16. Discharges of pollutants from a point source into any part of Coffee Creek are subject to the Clean Water Act.⁵ Despite this, ADEQ allows Georgia-Pacific to use the upper part of Coffee Creek as an extension of its facility and without meeting Clean Water Act requirements. ADEQ allows Georgia-Pacific to discharge, on average, 45 million gallons of day of its wastewater directly into the upper part of the creek, turning it black, frothy, and pungent. These discharges from Georgia-Pacific’s facility into Coffee Creek occur approximately three

⁵ See e.g., *In the Matter of: Borden, Inc. / Colonial Sugars, Permittee*, 1 E.A.D. 895, 912 (ALJ 1984) (finding wetlands into which a sugar refinery had been discharging for treatment since the late 1800s were not exempt from NPDES requirements as a waste treatment system because “wetlands are not separated from the remainder of the wetlands system by a physical barrier; nor are they impounded or otherwise segregated within a containment system”).

miles upstream of Mill Pond.

Georgia-Pacific's Wastewater Discharges

17. Georgia-Pacific's NPDES permit covers discharges from its mill plant, plywood plant, studmill, formaldehyde plant, resin manufacturing, and tall oil plant (collectively, "wastewaters."). NPDES Permit No. AR0001210, Final Fact Sheet⁶ at 5, http://www2.adeg.state.ar.us/downloads/WebDatabases/PermitsOnline/NPDES/IssuedPermits/ar0001210_renewal_20100930.pdf

18. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's mill plant (which manufactures fine, paper, paper board, and tissue) is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Bleached Paper Grade Kraft Soda Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 430, which include 40 C.F.R. §§ 430.22 and 430.24. *Id.* at 16-20. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's plywood plant is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Plywood Subcategory and Sawmill and Planning Mill Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 429, which include 40 C.F.R. §§ 429.41 and 429.43. *Id.* at 21-22. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's studmill operations is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Plywood Subcategory and Sawmill and Planning Mill Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 429, which include 40 C.F.R. §§ 429.121 and 429.123. *Id.* at 21-22. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's chemical plant is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Semi-Chemical Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 430, which include 40 C.F.R. § 430.60. *Id.* at 22-23. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's resin manufacturing plant is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Thermosetting Resins Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 414, which include 40 C.F.R. §§ 414.51 and 414.101. *Id.* at 22-23. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's formaldehyde plant is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Commodity Organic Chemicals Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 414.60, which include 40 C.F.R. §§ 414.61 and 414.63. *Id.* at 22-23. Process wastewater from Georgia-Pacific's tall oil plant is subject to EPA effluent guidelines and requirements for the Tall Oil, Rosin, Pitch and Fatty Acids Subcategory under 40 C.F.R. § 454, which include 40 C.F.R. §§ 454.42. *Id.* at 22-23.

19. Georgia-Pacific treats its wastewaters in settling ponds located in Coffee Creek above Mill Pond. *See id.* at 5-6.

20. Aerators installed in the Mill Pond (which Georgia-Pacific refers to as the "aerated lagoon" or "aeration basis") also treat Georgia-Pacific's wastewaters. The permit states that Georgia-Pacific adds a nutrient solution to Coffee Creek just above Mill Pond to aid in biological activity. *Id.* at 5-6., 15, Ex. B.

21. Georgia-Pacific's permitted "external outfall" is located in Coffee Creek immediately downstream of Mill Pond, which is more than three miles from the points where

⁶ The Final Fact Sheet is attached to the NPDES permit, which the ADEQ Water Division has made available on its Final Permits Database and is accessible by using the link pasted above.

Georgia-Pacific discharges its wastewaters to Coffee Creek. *Id.* at 6, Ex. B.⁷

Georgia-Pacific's Permit is Unlawful

22. The permit fails to include effluent limitations required to meet the applicable technology-based effluent guidelines and water quality standards at the points where Georgia-Pacific discharges its wastewaters to Coffee Creek.

23. The permit allows Georgia-Pacific to dilute its wastewaters with waters from Coffee Creek as a form of waste treatment and fails to apply effluent limitations and other requirements of the Clean Water Act until at least three miles downstream of Georgia-Pacific's wastewater discharges to Coffee Creek.

24. The permit fails to require monitoring and reporting of effluent limitations on wastewater at the point of discharges to Coffee Creek and fails to provide for monitoring of pH for compliance with Ark. Code R. 014.04.2-504 at the points at which Georgia-Pacific discharges wastewaters to Coffee Creek. The permit fails to require "whole effluent toxicity" testing to meet the narrative criteria applicable to all state waterbodies under Ark. Code R. 014.04.2-508 at the points at which Georgia-Pacific discharges wastewaters to Coffee Creek.

25. The permit allows Georgia-Pacific to satisfy technology treatment requirements a) through use of "non-treatment" techniques such as flow augmentation [e.g., dilution] and in-stream mechanical aerators without requiring Georgia-Pacific to meet the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 125.3, and b) through use of "non-treatment techniques" of in-stream clarifiers and in-stream settling basins.

26. The permit fails to impose effluent limitations necessary to meet Arkansas's water quality standards for zinc, mercury, dieldrin, and copper at the points at which Georgia-Pacific discharges wastewaters to Coffee Creek and fails to impose effluent limitations necessary to meet Louisiana's water quality standards for zinc, mercury, dieldrin, and copper at the points at which Georgia-Pacific discharges wastewaters to Coffee Creek.

ADVERSE IMPACTS

27. The permit allows Georgia-Pacific to use Coffee Creek as an open sewer to convey and treat 45 million gallons of wastewater on average per day through West Crossett neighborhoods.

28. Coffee Creek is almost black in color from Georgia-Pacific's wastewater and

⁷ In addition, Georgia-Pacific's wastewater discharges have the reasonable potential to exceed Arkansas and Louisiana's water quality standards for zinc, mercury, and dieldrin. *See Id.* at 27-33. The portion of the Ouachita River that receives effluent from the Georgia-Pacific facility is impaired for copper and is on the Clean Water Act section 303(d) list. *Id.* at 31.

flows within one hundred feet of some West Crossett residences. Strong odors emanate from Coffee Creek. Residents of West Crossett are unable to enjoy their homes and neighborhoods because of the strong odors that emanate from Coffee Creek.

29. By allowing Georgia-Pacific to use Coffee Creek to transport and treat its wastewater, ADEQ has taken this natural resource away from the public, especially the residents of West Crossett. Because Coffee Creek carries toxic wastewater, the public can no longer use the creek for recreation, fishing, or visual enjoyment.

30. Hydrogen Sulfide is one of the pollutants that emanates from Coffee Creek. Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) is a flammable, colorless gas that smells like rotten eggs. People usually can smell hydrogen sulfide at low concentrations in the air, ranging from 0.0005 to 0.3 parts per million (ppm) (0.0005–0.3 parts of hydrogen sulfide in 1 million parts of air). At high concentrations, a person might lose his or her ability to smell it. *See Public Health Statement: Hydrogen Sulfide*, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Dep't of Health and Human Servs., (Oct. 2014), <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/ToxProfiles/tp114-c1-b.pdf>. Hydrogen sulfide enters the body primarily through the air when inhaled. It is absorbed into the blood stream and distributed throughout the body. *Id.*

31. Exposure to low concentrations of hydrogen sulfide may cause irritation to the eyes, nose, or throat. It may also cause difficulty in breathing for some asthmatics. Respiratory distress or arrest has been found in people exposed to very high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide. Exposure to low concentrations of hydrogen sulfide may cause headaches, poor memory, fatigue, and balance problems. Brief exposures to high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide (greater than 500 ppm) can cause a loss of consciousness. In most cases, the person appears to regain consciousness without any other effects. However, in some individuals, there may be permanent or long-term effects such as headaches, poor attention span, poor memory, and poor motor function. No health effects have been found in humans exposed to typical environmental concentrations of hydrogen sulfide (0.00011–0.00033 ppm). *Id.*

32. People acutely exposed to hydrogen sulfide at about 100 ppm commonly experience coughing, eye irritation, loss of smell, altered breathing, drowsiness, throat irritation and those exposure for longer to higher concentrations experience marked conjunctivitis, respiratory tract irritation, pulmonary edema, staggering, collapse, rapid unconsciousness, or death. *See Hydrogen Sulfide*, Occupational Health & Safety Administration, <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hydrogensulfide/hazards.html> (last visited April 20, 2016).

33. ATSDR recognizes that “A variety of respiratory effects (including symptoms of respiratory irritation, altered lung function, and respiratory distress) have been observed in workers accidentally exposed to high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide, experimental subjects acutely exposed to low levels of hydrogen sulfide, chronically exposed workers, *and residents living near pulp mill production facilities.*” *See ATSDR, Draft Toxicological for Hydrogen Sulfide and Carbonyl Sulfide (Draft for Public Comment) 34* (Oct. 2014) (emphasis added), <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxprofiles/tp114.pdf>.

34. ATSDR established an acute duration (1 to 14-day) Minimal Risk Level screening guideline of 70 parts per billion (ppb) for hydrogen sulfide in air. *Id.* at 22-24, 48. The intermediate duration Minimum Risk Level is lower at 20 ppb. *Id.* at 24-27.

35. Georgia-Pacific's Crossett Pulp and Paper Operations ranks as the fourth largest releaser of hydrogen sulfide in the United States among all pulp and paper mills and is the sixth largest releaser of hydrogen sulfide in the United States of all industrial facilities. EPA Region 6, Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) Section 313 Inspection Report 23 (June 23, 2014) (rev. July 23, 2014), Ex. B. Sources of the releases include discharges to streams, i.e., Coffee Creek. *See id.* at 24-32. *Id.* at 31 ("The great majority of the fugitive air releases of hydrogen sulfide are coincidentally manufactured in the aeration and stabilization basins of the wastewater treatment plant. The hydrogen sulfide coincidentally manufactured is released to the atmosphere.").

36. EPA Region 6, ATSDR, ADEQ, the Arkansas Department of Health, and Georgia-Pacific developed an ambient air monitoring program for hydrogen sulfide emissions in Crossett. The monitor is located in the West Crossett community. *See* TRC, Georgia Pacific Crossett Operations Hydrogen Sulfide and Meteorological Monitoring Program 6-Month Report for October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, 3 (June 9, 2015), https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/compliance/pdfs/gp-crossett_hydrogen_sulfide_and_meteorological_monitoring_6mth_rpt.pdf.

37. Hydrogen sulfide monitoring results have exceeded the Minimal Risk Level 70 ppb threshold on 11 days since March 2015, with 30 minute rolling average results as high as 200 ppb. *See Hydrogen Sulfide Testing at Georgia-Pacific in Crossett*, ADEQ, https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/compliance/georgia_pacific.aspx (last visited April 18, 2016).

38. The Arkansas Department of Health issues reports when the ambient monitor shows levels of hydrogen sulfide that exceed the Minimal Risk Level screening guideline of 70 ppb. The reports show that the high levels of hydrogen sulfide emissions are often associated with Georgia-Pacific's wastewater in Coffee Creek. For example, ADH reported the following:

"During the period when a portion of the equipment was not operating, process wastewater with elevated sulfides entered the mill's wastewater treatment system. These sulfide containing wastewaters likely contributed to elevated air emissions from the wastewater treatment system." Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Hydrogen Sulfide Air Monitoring Data in Crossett, AR: Special Data Review Announcement: April 3 - 4, 2016, <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/compliance/pdfs/adh-special-review-for-gp-h2s-mont-apr-03-04-2016.pdf>.

"According to Georgia-Pacific personnel, the pulp mill and bleach plant were stopped during a controlled shut-down on Friday, February 26, 2016, due to an unplanned event. This caused additional sulfide-containing process streams to be sent to the effluent treatment system." Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Hydrogen Sulfide Air Monitoring Data in Crossett, AR Special Data Review Announcement: February 26 – 27,

2016 and February 29, 2016, <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/compliance/pdfs/adh-special-review-for-gp-h2s-mont-feb-26-to-27-and-feb-29-2016.pdf>.

“According to Georgia-Pacific personnel, the cause for the increase in the hydrogen sulfide readings is thought to be from an imbalance of pH in one of the lines used for pulp. The plant experienced lower than normal pH levels in the wastewater treatment system due to the mill running at approximately half of the normal pulping rates. The lower pH levels released hydrogen sulfide into the air. Until pulping rates returned to normal and the pH was back in range, the plant adjusted the pH to normal levels by adding a small amount of 22% sodium hydroxide to the sewer.” Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Hydrogen Sulfide Air Monitoring Data in Crossett, AR Special Data Review Announcement: November 23, 2015, https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/compliance/pdfs/adh_special_review_announcement_for_gp_h2s_mont_11-23-15.pdf.

“According to Georgia-Pacific personnel, the cause for the increase in the hydrogen sulfide readings is thought to be biological activity in the East Ash Settling Basin at the Georgia-Pacific Waste Water Treatment Facility.” Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Hydrogen Sulfide Air Monitoring Data in Crossett, AR Special Data Review Announcement: August 10, 2015, https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/compliance/pdfs/adh_special_review_announcement_for_crossett_h2s_air_mont_8-10-15.pdf.

39. Hydrogen sulfide odors interfere with the quality of life of the residents of West Crossett.

40. The use of Coffee Creek to transport and treat Georgia-Pacific’s wastewater negatively impacts the value of property in West Crossett.

DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT

41. Georgia-Pacific’s discharges of wastewater into Coffee Creek disproportionately affect African Americans.

42. EPA’s Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) database provides demographic information for the area surrounding the Georgia-Pacific facility. EPA bases its statistics on the 2010 Census and American Community Survey data. According to ECHO, 1,897 people live within one mile of the Georgia-Pacific facility, 63.68% of whom are African-American and 32.52% are White. Thus, the residents who live on the streets closest to Coffee Creek where Georgia-Pacific discharges its wastewater are predominantly African-American. EPA, *Detailed Facility Report*, ECHO (Sept. 2, 2014), <https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?redirect=page&fid=110000450921>

43. EPA has analyzed an area that begins where Georgia-Pacific discharges into Coffee Creek and includes neighborhoods to the west. It determined that the area is in the 95th

percentile in Arkansas for proximity to major dischargers—meaning only 5 percent of the people in Arkansas live in closer proximity to major dischargers. *See EPA, EJ Screen Report: Georgia Pacific Crossett Paper Operations* at 1, Ex. C. EPA's reports also shows that the community is in 98th percentile in the state on the National-Scale Air Toxic Assessment ("NATA") Neurological Hazard Index. *Id.* at 3.

CONCLUSION

ADEQ's November 1, 2015, action to administratively continue Georgia-Pacific's permit by failing to replace it with a lawful permit has "the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination because of their race, color, [or] national origin" and "the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the program or activity with respect to individuals of a particular race," i.e., African-Americans. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 7.35(b). Accordingly, EPA should: 1) investigate this complaint, 2) require prompt reformation of the permit and mitigation of harmful effects within the community, or 3) cut off federal funding to Arkansas's environmental programs.

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Re: NPDES Permit Number AR0001210 – AFIN 02-00013

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

The application for renewal of your expiring NPDES permit was received on 5/4/2015, with additional information received 5/13/2015. In accordance with Department policy, your application has been reviewed and determined to be administratively complete.

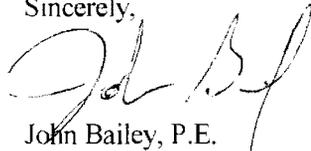
All permits are issued in accordance with federal and state priorities for water pollution abatement. Therefore, it is possible that the processing of this application for permit renewal may take some time depending on the relative priority of the discharge in comparison with others. However, every effort will be made to expedite the processing of your permit.

Pursuant to Act 163 of 1993 and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APCEC) Regulation No. 8, Section 8.205, public notice must be given for all permit applications submitted to this Department. The enclosed public notice will be published by ADEQ in a newspaper of general circulation for one (1) day only. An invoice for the cost of publishing the public notice and proof of publication will be sent to you by the advertising newspaper. The permittee must send proof of publication and payment to the address at the bottom of this letter as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from the above date. Until this Department receives proof of publication of the public notice, no further action will be taken on the renewal of your discharge permit.

The submitted Business Information is marked confidential. Since there are specific legal procedures for submitting confidential material which were not followed, these documents must be returned.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If there are any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Loretta Reiber, P.E. of my staff at (501) 682-0612 or by email at reiber@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



John Bailey, P.E.
Permits Branch Manager
Water Division

Notice of Application
For NPDES Permit AR0001210

Under the provisions of Act 163 of the 1993 Arkansas Legislature, this is to give notice the Water Division of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has received a renewal application on 5/4/2015, with additional information received 5/13/2015, for an NPDES Permit No. AR0001210 from the following facility:

Georgia-Pacific LLC Crossett Paper Operations
100 Mill Supply Road
Crossett, AR 71635

The facility under consideration is located as follows: 100 Mill Supply Road, Crossett, in Ashley County, Arkansas. Interested persons desiring to request a public hearing on the application may do so in writing. All requests should be received by ADEQ within 10 business days of the date of this notice and should be submitted to:

Loretta Reiber, P.E.
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NPDES Branch, Water Division
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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (US EPA)
REGION 6, 1445 ROSS AVENUE, DALLAS, TX 75202**

**EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT
(EPCRA)
SECTION 313 INSPECTION REPORT**

Report date: June 23, 2014
Revised: July 23, 2014

I. ESTABLISHMENT COVERED BY THIS INSPECTION REPORT

This inspection reports covers only the Georgia-Pacific Crossett Pulp and Paper Operations which reported as a separate establishment. The other two Georgia-Pacific establishments (the Chemical Operations and the Plywood/Stud Mill) will be covered in separate inspection reports.

II. FACILITY (ESTABLISHMENT) INSPECTED

Inspection date: March 19, 2014

Name & address:

Georgia-Pacific Crossett Paper Operations
100 Mill Supply Road
Crossett, AR 71635
870-567-8000

Mailing address:

Georgia-Pacific Crossett Paper Operations
PO Box 3333
Crossett, AR 71635

Parent:

Koch Industries, Inc.
DUNS: 006944334

III. GEORGIA-PACIFIC CROSSETT, ARKANSAS COMPLEX

The Georgia-Pacific Crossett, Arkansas Complex has consisted of the three establishments shown below over the period of the inspections

Pulp and Paper Operations establishment (2008 to 2012, five years) (this report)

PULP AND PAPER OPERATIONS

NAICS code	Primary	Description
322110	Yes	Pulp mills
322121	No	Paper (except newsprint) mills
322130	No	Paperboard mills

Chemicals Operations establishment (2008 to 2012, five years)

CHEMICALS OPERATIONS

NAICS code	Primary	Description
325211	Yes	Plastics material and resin manufacturing
325199	No	All other basic organic chemical manufacturing
325191	No	Gum and wood chemical manufacturing

Plywood/Stud Mill establishment (2008 to 2011, four years) (operations at this establishment were idled in October 2011) (Attachment 1)

PLYWOOD/STUD MILL

NAICS code	Primary	Description
321212	Yes	Softwood veneer and plywood manufacturing
321113	No	Sawmills

The reporting by year for each establishment is shown in the table below:

REPORTING YEARS FOR EACH ESTABLISHMENT

Establishment	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Pulp and Paper Operations	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Chemicals Operations	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Plywood/Stud Mill	Note 1	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported

Note 1: The Plywood/Stud Mill idled operations in October 2011 (Attachment 1).

IV. SEND REPLY TO

The reply to the inspection report should be sent to:

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Environmental Affairs Manager
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The senior manager at the facility is:

Gary W. Kaiser
Vice President, Manufacturing
Plant Manager
Georgia-Pacific Crossett Paper Operations
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Crossett, AR 71635

V. INTRODUCTION

EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act) § 313 is also referred to as the TRI (Toxic Release Inventory). TRI is the actual name of the database which houses the information collected pursuant to EPCRA § 313.

This report documents the March 19, 2014, EPCRA § 313 inspection of only the Georgia-Pacific Crossett Pulp and Paper Operations located in Crossett, Arkansas. The inspection was to determine compliance with EPCRA § 313 reporting requirements. The inspection covered the reporting years 2008 to 2012.

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management was notified prior to the inspection as a courtesy (Attachment 2). No state has primary enforcement under EPCRA § 313.

The following information applies to the Pulp and Paper Operations establishment:

TRI identification number: 71635GRGPCPAPER
NAICS code: 322110, pulp mills (primary)
322121, paper (except newsprint) mills
322130 paperboard mills
DUNS numbers: 009020777, 132076480 (shown on the 2012 Form R,
Attachment 17)
Lat: 33.141395 (FRS, no collection method shown) (Attachment 3)
Lon: -91.97395 (FRS, no collection method shown) (Attachment 3)
Web site: www.gp.com
Facility/parent state of incorporation: Delaware (Attachment 4)

VI. BUSINESS RELATED INFORMATION

The Crossett paper mill makes a variety of tissue, towel, paper and paperboard products (Attachment 5). Among the brands manufactured are Quilted Northern bath tissue, Angel Soft bath tissue and Sparkle paper towels.

The facility operates its own pulping process prior to the paper and paperboard making operations.

Information from the establishment's web site is shown in Attachments 5 and 6.

Information from the 2010 Arkansas Manufacturers Register is shown in Attachment 7.

Georgia-Pacific owns approximately 10,000 acres on which the Pulp and Paper Operations, the Chemical Operations, the Plywood/Stud Mill and the wastewater treatment plant are located.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The Georgia-Pacific Pulp and Paper Operations meets the criteria for being a "Potential Environmental Justice Area of Concern". Details are shown in Attachment 8.

VIII. PRE AND POST INSPECTION CONTACTS

Date	Type of contact	Person	Comments
2-28-2014	Phone to	James Cutbirth & Richard Freeman	Discussed upcoming inspection
2-28-2014	Email & USPS	James Cutbirth	Notification of the upcoming inspection (Attachment 9)
3-14-2014	Email to	Richard Freeman	Requested directions
3-19-2014	Phone to	James Cutbirth	Asked for a copy of Ms. Sarah Ross' list of questions and information requested. Cutbirth stated that the process flow diagram was not Confidential Business Information (CBI)
3-20-2014	In person	James Cutbirth	Delivered additional information
3-21-2014	In person	James Cutbirth	Delivered additional information
3-27-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on hydrogen sulfide (Attachment 10).
3-28-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on miscellaneous chemicals (Attachment 11).
3-28-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on C -12 flow chart (Attachment 12).
3-31-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answers on hydrogen sulfide questions (Attachment 10).
3-31-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on C-2 flow chart (Attachment 10).
3-31-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answer to questions on C-2 flow chart (Attachment 10).
4-1-2014	Phone to	James Cutbirth	Questions about where H2S is manufactured.
4-1-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question on non-condensable gases (Attachment 13).
4-1-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Request for copy of inspection report and answers to questions (Attachment 14)
4-2-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on line 1 washer and decker (Attachment 15)

PRE AND POST INSPECTION CONTACTS CONTINUED

Date	Type of contact	Person	Comments
4-3-2014	Letter to	James Cutbirth	Request for MSDS's (Attachment 18).
4-3-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answers on line 1 washer and decker (Attachment 15).
4-7-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on 2012 lead and lead compounds (CBI Folder 2, tab 13).
4-7-2014	Email & 8 at. from	James Cutbirth	Answers to questions posed during the inspection (CBI Folder 2, tabs 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and Attachment 41).
4-7-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questioned if the information sent earlier in the day CBI (Attachment 20).
4-7-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions 2012 chlorine dioxide usage (CBI Folder 2, tab 12).
4-7-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Inspector's error on question about 2011 Form R for barium compounds (Attachment 21)
4-7-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Reply on barium compounds (Attachment 21).
4-8-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Requested information for Dr. Wakeland on NAICS codes (Attachment 19)
4-8-2014	Email to	Wakeland to James Cutbirth	Questions on the basis of estimate for releases (Attachment 22).
4-8-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth to Wakeland	Reply to basis of estimate questions (Attachment 22).
4-9-2014	Email to	Wakeland to James Cutbirth	Additional comments on the basis of estimate (Attachment 22).
4-9-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question on the products of combustion (Attachment 23)
4-9-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question on hydrogen sulfide (CBI Folder 2, tab 14).
4-9-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question on burning used (waste) oil (Attachment 24).
4-10-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question, where H ₂ S is manufactured (Attachment 25).
4-11-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answers to the burning of used oil (Attachment 24).
4-11-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answers to questions on chlorine dioxide (CBI Folder 2, tab 12).

PRE AND POST INSPECTION CONTACTS CONTINUED

Date	Type of contact	Person	Comments
4-11-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question on Saline River Water Plant and single hog fuel pile (Attachment 26).
4-11-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth to Wakeland	Reply on the basis of estimate (Attachment 22).
4-15-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answers to questions on Saline River Plant and hog fuel pile (Attachment 26).
4-16-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Question on acetaldehyde (CBI Folder 2, tab 11).
4-17-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	MSDS's are in the mail (Attachment 27).
4-17-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Reply to Dr. Wakeland's question on NAICS codes (Attachment 19).
4-21-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Reply on products of combustion (Attachment 23).
4-22-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Request methods of determining TRS releases (Attachment 27).
4-22-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on lead compounds (Attachment 28).
4-25-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Reply to questions on lead compounds (Attachment 28).
4-25-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Reply to question on acetaldehyde (CBI Folder, tab 11).
5-5-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Answers to questions on hydrogen sulfide, TRS and where H2S is manufactured (CBI Folder 2, tab 15).
5-20-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions on C -12 flow chart (Attachment 12).
5-21-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Replied to question on C-12 flow chart (Attachment 12)
5-29-2014	Phone from	Rebecca Blankenship	James Cutbirth busy. Will return phone call later.
5-30-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Request for information (Attachment 29).
5-30-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Request for information (Attachment 30).

PRE AND POST INSPECTION CONTACTS CONTINUED

Date	Type of contact	Person	Comments
6-4-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth from Morton Wakeland	Conference call and comments on CBI (confidential business information).
6-6-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Conference call schedule, 9:30 am, 6-11,2014
6-9-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth from Mort Wakeland	Confirmed 6-11-2014 meeting and asked for information prior to the meeting (Attachment 62).
6-10-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Conference call notice
6-10-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Conference call notice
6-10-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Three more questions (Attachment 31).
6-10-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Information for conference call and answers to questions (Attachments 32, 33 and CBI Folder 2, tab 17).
6-11-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth from Morton Wakeland	Confirmed receipt of information for conference call and answers to questions.
6-11-2014	Phone to	James Cutbirth	Requested conference call phone number.
6-11-2014	Confere nce call	James Cutbirth and others	Discussion on information contained in spreadsheets. GP people on conference call; James Cutbirth, Richard Freeman, Mayes Starke, Mark Ruppel, Aimee Risher
6-11-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth from Morton Wakeland	Thank everyone for conference call input.
6-20-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Reply to information requested during the 6-11-2014 conference call. Reply was addressed to Wakeland and Stranne. (Attachment 64)
7-2-2014	Voice mail from	James Cutbirth	Wants to discuss up dating flow chart.

Date	Type of contact	Person	Comments
7-2-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Needs clarification on flow chart changes (Attachment 65).
7-3-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Please phone on Monday (Attachment 65).
7-3-2014	Email to	James Cutbirth	Questions for discussion on Monday.(Attachment 65).
7-11-2014	Email from	Richard Freeman	Provided revised flow charts (Attachment 38).
7-11-2014	Email to	Richard Freeman	Acknowledged receipt of revised flow charts (Attachment 38).
7-11-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Suggested changes to the draft inspection report (Attachment 66).
7-15-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth	Request for copy of Attachment 8 to the inspection report (Attachment 67).
7-22-2014	Email to	Morton Wakeland to James Cutbirth	Provided copy of Attachment 8 (Attachment 67).
7-22-2014	Email from	James Cutbirth to Morton Wakeland	Acknowledged receipt of Attachment 8 (Attachment 67).

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An attendance listing is shown in Attachment 35.

XI. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT USED FOR TRI REPORTING

None.

XII. INSPECTION

A. OPENING CONFERENCE

After arriving at the facility at approximately 8:15 am on March 19, 2014, I presented my credentials to Mr. Kaiser and the Staff. The purpose of the inspection was explained as a determination of compliance with EPCRA § 313 toxic chemical release reporting requirements for the reporting years 2008 to 2012.

The information sheets for the following areas were given to the facility:

- TRI-MEweb online reporting
- EPCRA § 313 Region 6 staff
- U.S. EPA Small Business Resources
- Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP& Oil Information Center
- Chemical Safety Awareness for Industrial and Municipal Facilities

Attachment 36 is a map of the facility.

Attachment 37 is a process flow diagram for the facility collected at the time of the inspection

In an email dated July 11, 2014, Mr. Richard Freeman provided the following updated flow charts to replace the corresponding pages in Attachment 37 (Attachment 38):

- Figure C-2, pulp mill
- Figure C-5, causticizing area
- Figure C-12, wastewater treatment

B. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (CBI)

Some of the material collected at the time of the inspection was marked CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (CBI). The CBI information collected at the time of the inspection was printed on 8-1/2 inch by 14 inch paper and is included in CBI Folder 1. CBI collected or generated since the inspection is included in CBI Folder 2.

When the inspection report is complete both of the CBI folders will be given to the EPCRA § 313 CBI Officer, David Riley.

C. REQUEST FOR A COPY OF COMPLETED INSPECTION REPORT

In an email dated April 1, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth requested a copy of the completed inspection report (Attachment 39).

D. RATIONAL FOR THE GP COMPLEX REPORTING AS THREE SEPARATE ESTABLISHMENTS.

The Georgia-Pacific Crossett Complex consisted of three establishment from 2008 to 2011. The Plywood/Stud Mill idled operations in October 2011 which resulted in only two establishment reporting in 2012.

The Staff explained that each of the three establishments (the Pulp and Paper Operations, the Chemicals Operations and the Plywood/Stud Mill) is in a different Division of GP. Each Division has its own chain of management and financial results. GP Management wanted the environmental reporting also separated by the three Divisions.

E. PREVIOUS RCRA (RESOURCE CONSERVATION and RECOVERY ACT INSPECTION, APRIL 10-12, 2012

The establishment's web site noted a prior RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) inspection on April 10, 2012, (Attachment 39).

A copy of the RCRA inspection report is shown in Attachment 40.

F. STATUS OF INFORMATION REQUESTED PRIOR TO THE INSPECTION

In an email and USPS letter dated February 28, 2014, Mr. James Cutbirth was requested to provide information at the time of the inspection (Attachment 9).

All of the information was available at the time of the inspection. Additional information and corrected information was requested with an expected delivery date of April 9, 2014. The information was received as requested.

Ms. Sarah Ross took notes during the inspection and a copy of her March 20, 2014, notes related to additional information to be provided is shown in Attachment 61.

G. INFORMATION REQUESTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE INSPECTION

In a letter sent April 3, 2014, Mr. James Cutbirth was requested to supply copies of the MSDS for all products used by the facility that contained TRI chemicals (Attachment 18). In an email dated April 17, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth said that the MSDS's were in the mail (Attachment 18). The letter attached to the email contained a listing of the MSDS's that were being sent. The MSDS's were received on April 18, 2014, by FedEx. The MSDS's were placed in the file folder.

H. FACILITY OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Georgia-Pacific has owned and operated the GP Crossett Paper Operations during the period of the inspection, reporting years 2008 to 2012 (Attachment 6).

I. FACILITY INFORMATION, EMPLOYEES AND GROSS SALES

The facility currently has approximately 1,250 employees.

Mr. Kaiser provided the following number of employees and sales (Attachment 4).

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYEES AND SALES

Reporting year	More or less than 50 employees	More or less than \$10 million sales
2112	More than	More than
2011	More than	More than
2010	More than	More than
2009	More than	More than
2008	More than	More than

J. MONITORING / MEASUREMENT DATA COLLECTION

In his letter dated March 20, 2014, Mr. Gary Kaiser provided the following information on the collecting, monitoring and measurement data (Attachment 4 starting on page four).

As set forth in more detail in the calculation spreadsheets that will be provided during your visit, GP's Paper and Pulp Facility utilizes many different types of data collected pursuant to regulatory monitoring/measurement requirements to calculate releases of EPCRA 313 chemicals utilized at the Facility. The following chart summarizes those regulatory monitoring/measurement requirements for which the Facility gathers monitoring or measurement data on an ongoing basis. Please note that based on our understanding of the scope of your information request, this chart does not include all ongoing monitoring or measurements that the Facility may collect for reasons other than regulatory compliance, nor does it include every monitoring or measurement that the Facility may have conducted for regulatory applicability or permitting purposes. To the extent the Facility relies on any monitoring or measurements to support its calculations of EPCRA 313 chemical releases, such data and the corresponding calculation methodologies for particular reporting years are available in the spreadsheets that will be provided during your visit.

Type of Data	ECPRA 313 Chemicals Monitored or Measured	Regulatory Requirement	Monitoring or Measurement Methodology	Activities/ Operations Covered by Data
Stack Tests	Chlorine (Cl ₂)	Subpart S (Rule revisions in 2012) And §63.457	NCASI Technical Bulletin No. 520	Bleach Plant (SN-30)
	Sulfuric Acid Mist (SAM)	§19.702 and §19.901 of Regulation #19, and 40 CFR Part 52 Subpart E	EPA Test Method 8	8R Recovery Furnace (SN-26)
Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) Monitoring Data	Non- Condensable Gases (NCG) (i.e. H ₂ S, Methyl Mercaptan)	MACT Standard 40 CFR 63, Subpart S – National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Pulp and Paper Industry	EPA Test Method 21	Air emissions from regulated LDAR components throughout the facility.
Effluent Testing	Nitrate as N Copper Zinc	NPDES Permit	EPA Method 353.2 EPA Method 200.8 EPA Method 200.8	Wastewater effluent releases
Cluster Rule Bleach Plant Effluent Testing	Chloroform	NPDES Permit	EPA Method 624	Internal Monitoring
Landfill Groundwater Monitoring	Nitrate, Sulfate, Arsenic, Barium, Chromium, Lead, Manganese, Zinc, Benzene	Arkansas Regulation 22.1204(c)(1)	EPA Guidance, ASTM Standards	Landfill

K. WASTEWATER TREATMENT

In an email dated July 11, 2014, Mr. James Cutbirth provided the following description of the wastewater treatment process (Attachment 66):

The Mill processes wastewater from Crossett Paper Operations, GP Chemical Operations, GP Plywood & Studmill Operations, and treated effluent from the City of Crossett, although currently the Plywood & Studmill Operations are idled and do not contribute wastewater to the wastewater treatment system. Wastewater from the paper machines, pulping operations, recovery & utilities, and woodyard operations is first processed through a primary clarifier to settle a large majority of settleable solids. These settled solids are dewatered and the dewatered solids are sent to the sludge basin for disposal. Water then exits the primary clarifier and combines with the wastewater in the P3 sewer which includes boiler scrubber water associated with the Paper Operation power boilers, wastewater from the Plywood & Studmill Operations (when operating) and wastewater from the Chemical Plant. The combined wastewater flows directly to the ash settling basins where the waste water is again subject to further settling before flowing through the Surge Basin (for flow equalization) and on to the aeration stabilization basin (ASB) for biological treatment. Ash is settled in the ash basins and mechanically removed prior to the surge basin and aeration stabilization basin. Ash removed from the ash settling basins is placed in the sludge basin. Some heavier Paper Mill ash is mechanically removed at the mill site prior to discharge to the P3 sewer. This ash is used at the North Landfill as an approved cover material. Treated effluent from the City of Crossett treatment system joins the GP wastewater system just after the Surge Basin and prior to the aeration stabilization basin. The aeration stabilization basin reduces the organic content of the wastewater and allows for further settling of suspended solids. Treated effluent is sampled and measured at the parshall flume after the aeration basin which is regulated in the NPDES permit as Outfall 001. Treated effluent then discharges to an earthen channel that flows to a pond referred to as Mossy Lake. When not flooded, the Mossy Lake discharge is monitored as a stream monitoring station under the NPDES permit and then flows to the Ouachita River via Coffee Creek.

The mill wastewater and storm water falling in the process areas of the mill are collected in various sewers in the mill and flow by gravity to the treatment system. In addition to the normal process and non-process wastewaters collected, the mill may discharge wastewaters resulting from essential maintenance, regularly scheduled maintenance, during startup and shutdown activities, and from incidental spills and releases (whether anticipated or unanticipated) from anywhere in the permitted facility. However, these wastewaters are amenable to treatment as provided in the treatment system, and will not impact effluent limitations.

L. PROCESS WATER

Make up process water is drawn from Lake Georgia-Pacific which is north of the facility. The water is chlorinated and distributed to the Pulp and Paper Operations, the Chemicals Operations and the Plywood/Stud Mill.

In an email dated April 11, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to provide additional information on the source of the process water supply (Attachment 26). In an email dated April 15, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided the following reply.

Water is pumped from the Saline River into GP Lake. From GP Lake, the water is pumped approximately seven miles to the Saline River Treatment Plant located within the utilities area of the mill. At the plant the water is treated for turbidity.

Turbidity is cloudiness or haziness of the water caused by individual particles (total suspended or dissolved solids).

M. POTABLE WATER

Potable water (drinking quality water) for the Paper and Pulp Operations is drawn from nearby company owned wells and chlorinated.

N. LANDFILLS

In an email dated June 2, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth described the facility's landfills as shown below (Attachment 64):

We have two Non-Commercial Class 3 solid waste landfills. One is for construction and demolition debris and the other is used for primarily paper and paper related waste; it is a Sub-title D landfill. There is also one land reclamation area, referred to as the sludge basin in Figure C-12. It is located near the primary clarifier. It is used for the disposal of dewatered sludge taken from the primary clarifier and boiler ash removed from the ash settling basins.

O. RAW MATERIAL

The major raw materials are:

Pine and hardwood logs

The major fuels are hog fuel (chipped wood waste), TFD (tire derived fuel), natural gas and oil.

P. PROCESS DESCRIPTION

A process description provided by GR is shown on the following page (Attachment 4).

GP's Crossett Consumer Products mill produces paper and paper products utilizing seven paper machines and two paper extruding machines. The paper machines include two board paper machines and five tissue/towel machines. The paper board produced is shipped in rolled form cut to width based on customer specifications. Tissue and towel converting includes the operations involved with converting large parent rolls of tissue/towel from the machines into finished product. This includes rewinding onto smaller sized rolls, folding, printing, cutting, packaging, and shipping.

The two extruding machines receive board from the board paper machine and from outside board customers and apply a polymer coating. Rolls of board are loaded onto an unwind stand before passing through a calendar stack, where they are subjected to burners which flame seal the board. An extruded poly sheet is then pressed together with the board.

Round wood and purchased chips are received at the facility by truck and rail. The logs are debarked for bark removal, fed through a chipper and then conveyed to the chip piles. The chips from the chip piles are screened prior to entering the chip silos. The removed bark is pneumatically sent to bark piles for storage and eventual used in the facility's boilers. The chips from the silos are conveyed to the Mill's thirteen batch digesters. The function of the digesters is to cook the chips using white liquor and steam from the boilers. In the digestion process, these raw materials are combined and cooked at a set pressure and temperature until the desired pulp quality is obtained. At the end of each "cook", the blow valves at the bottom of the digesters are opened, with the resulting pressure forcing the pulp mass through a blow line into one of the two blow tanks.

The blow tanks are at atmospheric pressure and the contents of the digesters enter the blow tanks tangentially at the top. When the chips hit the lower pressure in the tank, the liquor and water flash, blowing the chips apart to produce the pulp fibers. The vapors from the blow tanks are sent to the blow heat condensing system, where non-condensable gases (NCGs) are removed. The steam vapors are condensed in the accumulator. The accumulator water is sent to the stripper and returned to the washers as clean condensate. Knots (e.g. undercooked wood chips, irregularly shaped or overly thick pieces of wood, etc.) are removed with the use of vibrating knotters/screens.

The pulp is washed to remove spent cooking chemicals. The Mill has two horizontal washers. In the washers, the wash water and pulp move in counter current directions. The washed pulp is passed through screening and cleaning stages which remove debris from the stock. After screening, the pulp passes through the decker system, which thickens the pulp for storage in high density storage chests

The unbleached Kraft pulp is taken from the high density storage chests for further processing in the bleach plant. The bleaching process removes the remaining lignin and Kraft color from the unbleached pulp. Bleaching is performed in several stages using chlorine dioxide, caustic soda, oxygen, and hydrogen peroxide.

Attachments 37 and 38 are process flow diagrams for the facility collected at the time of the inspection (37) and later revised (38).

A description of the pulping process from the Wikipedia Encyclopedia is shown in Attachment 42.

Q. FINAL PRODUCTS

After manufacturing the wood pulp the Pulp and Paper Operations manufactures a variety of tissue, towel, paper and paperboard products (Attachment 5). Among the brands manufactured are Quilted Northern bath tissue, Angel Soft bath tissue and Sparkle paper towels.

Byproducts of the pulping operation are turpentine and soap (page 6 of Attachment 42).

R. ORIGINAL POSTMARK DATES OF SUBMITTED FORM R's/A's

The original postmark dates of the Form R's submitted for reporting years 2008 to 2012 were on or before the final due date with the exception of the one chemical shown below (Attachment 43):

CHEMICAL REPORTED LATE

Reporting year	Chemical	Due date	Postmark date Note 1	Period late
2011	Nitrate compounds	July 2, 2012	June 24, 2013	357 days

Note 1: The term postmark date includes the actual postmark dates and the certification dates for Form R/A's sent electronically through TRI-MEweb.

Nitrate compounds were reported on time for reporting year 2012 but were not reported for reporting years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

S. TRI CHEMICALS REPORTED TO THE EPA (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY)

Attachment 45 is a listing showing the number of establishment that reported each chemical.

At the time of the inspection the facility provided spreadsheets for the calculation of chemical usages and releases (CBI Folder 1). The spreadsheets included some of the formulas and basic calculations used in determining the threshold usage and emission values.

In an email dated April 7, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided summary spreadsheets for chemical threshold usage at all three establishment (CBI Folder 2, tabs 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8).

The table below shows the chemicals reported by the Paper and Pulp Operations (Attachment 45).

CHEMICALS REPORTED TO THE TRI

Chemical	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Acetaldehyde	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Ammonia	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Barium compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Catechol	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Chlorine	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Chlorine dioxide	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Cresol (mixed isomers)	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Dioxin & dioxin like compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Ethylene glycol	Reported	Reported	Reported	Below threshold NOTE 1	Reported
Formaldehyde	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Formic acid	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Hydrochloric acid aerosols	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Hydrogen sulfide	Reported	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
Lead compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported

CHEMICALS REPORTED TO TRI CONTINUED

Chemical	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Manganese compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Methanol	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Nitrate compounds	Reported	Reported	Below threshold NOTE 1	Below threshold NOTE 1	Below threshold NOTE 1
Phenol	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Polycyclic aromatic compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Sulfuric acid aerosols	Below threshold NOTE 1	Below threshold NOTE 1	Below threshold NOTE 1	Below threshold NOTE 1	Reported
Toluene	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Vanadium compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported
Zinc compounds	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported	Reported

NOTE 1: An analysis of chemical usage is shown in CBI Folder 2 tab 16.

T. CHEMICALS OF INTEREST IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE INSPECTION

Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S)

Hydrogen sulfide was added to the TRI chemical list via the Federal Register December 1, 1993. However, on August 22, 1994, an administrative stay of the reporting requirement was imposed. The stay was lifted effective October 1, 2011, with the first reports due July 1, 2013.

The facility utilized a model generally described in the study “Estimating H₂S and Methyl Mercaptan Emissions from Wastewater Treatment Systems” for estimating H₂S (hydrogen sulfide) emissions at the wastewater plant (Attachment 46). The study separately analyses emissions of hydrogen sulfide and methyl mercaptan.

In an email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided a condensed version of the slides from the above study showing only the slides that address the specific manner in which GP conducted its calculations (Attachment 33).

Mr. Furstein provided a listing of hydrogen sulfide releases from just paper and pulp mills. The Crossett Pulp and Paper Operations ranked number 4 from the top of hydrogen sulfide releasers in the Nation (Attachment 47). Shown below are the top five H₂S releasers:

1. Rayonier Performance Fibers Jesup Mill, 4470 Savanna Hwy, Jesup, GA 31545
2. Georgia-Pacific Monticello LLC Sandifer Hwy, 5 Miles N of Monticello, Monticello, Mississippi 39654
3. International Paper, 100 Jensen Rd, Prattyville, Alabama 36067
4. Georgia-Pacific Plywood/Stud Mill Complex, 101 Plywood Mill Rd, Crossett, Arkansas (This is the name that the GP Pulp and Paper Operations reports under)
5. International Paper – Vicksburg Mill, 3737 Hwy 3 N, Redwood, Mississippi, 39156

Mr. Furstein provided a second listing of hydrogen sulfide releases from all industries. The Crossett Pulp and Paper Operations ranked number 6 from the top of hydrogen sulfide releases (Attachment 48). Shown below are the top five releasers:

1. Jal Gas Plant, 115 Sid Richardson Rd, Jal, New Mexico 88252
2. PCS Phosphate Co Inc., 1530 NC Hwy 306S, Aurora, North Carolina 27806
3. Rayonier Performance Fibers Jesup Mill, 4470 Savannah Hwy, Jesup, Georgia 31545
4. Georgia-Pacific Monticello LLC Sandifer Hwy, 5 Miles N of Monticello, Monticello, Mississippi 39654
5. International Paper, 100 Jensen Rd, Prattyville, Alabama 36067
6. Georgia-Pacific Plywood/Stud Mill Complex, 101 Plywood Mill Rd, Crossett, Arkansas (This is the name that the GP Pulp and Paper Operations reports under)
7. International Paper – Vicksburg Mill, 3737 Hwy 3 N, Redwood, Mississippi, 39156

Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) was manufactured (including coincidental), processed and/or otherwise used only at the Pulp and Paper Operations. The Chemicals Operations and the Plywood/Stud Mill did not have any usage of the chemical.

Information from the chemical dictionary and Wikipedia on hydrogen sulfide is shown in Attachment 49).

The 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide indicated the “basis of estimate” for releases shown in the table below:

METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING (ESTIMATING) RELEASES

RELEASE	BASIS OF ESTIMATE
5.1 Fugitive or non-point air emissions	M2 – estimate is based on periodic or random monitoring data or measurements for the EPCRA § 313 chemical
5.2 Stack or point air emissions	E1 – estimate is based on published emission factors, such as those relating release quantity to through-put or equipment type (e.g., air emission factors)
5.3 Discharges to receiving streams or water bodies	C – estimate is based on mass balance calculations, such a calculation of the amount of the EPCRA § 313 chemical in streams entering and leaving process equipment
5.5.2 land treatment/application farming	C – estimate is based on mass balance calculations, such a calculation of the amount of the EPCRA § 313 chemical in streams entering and leaving process equipment

In an email dated April 22, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to provide information and data on the methods used to determine H₂S emissions from specific points (Attachment 27). In an email dated May 5, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth replied as follows (CBI Folder 2, tab 15).

The calculated amounts of releases for H₂S from the Lime kiln, Recovery boiler and Smelt dissolving tanks are based on NCASI H₂S factors.

The 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide reported the releases shown below. Reporting year 2012 was the first year that hydrogen sulfide was required to be reported.

RELEASES OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE AS SHOWN ON THE 2012 FORM R

Line no.	description	Pounds released
5.1	Fugitive or non-point releases	517,048
5.2	Stack or point releases	4,632
5.3	Discharges to receiving streams of water bodies	305
5.5.2	Land treatment	1,477
7A.1a	Waste stream: waste water Waste treatment methods H123, settling or clarification H081, biological treatment with or without precipitation	
7B	Onsite energy recovery processes U01, industrial kiln U03, industrial boiler	
8.2	Quantity used for energy recovery onsite	309,899
8.6	Quantity treated onsite	283,290

The total of the values shown in the table significantly exceed the amount of hydrogen sulfide manufactured during 2012. An email dated April 9, 2014, was sent to Mr. Cutbirth asking him to explain the values (CBI Folder 2, tab 14). In an email dated May 5, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth replied as follows (CBI Folder 2, tab 14).

The disparity in the total amount of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) manufactured in our original RY2012 calculations versus the total amount of H₂S captured in Section 8 of our RY2012 Form R was caused by the double counting of controlled stack air emissions under both energy recovery (8.2) and treated on site (8.6). We have taken this opportunity to update our RY2012 calculations spreadsheet for H₂S to improve and clarify our reporting. Energy recovery was eliminated as a response and only treated on site is now utilized. While energy recovery would be a correct response according to NCASI guidance, using the treated onsite category only seems a more appropriate classification in this case. When this double-counting is eliminated, the revised total for Section 8 of the Form R equals the amount manufactured. The attached revised calculation sheet for H₂S now shows the manufacturing total matching the sum of the responses in section 8.

After the removal of line 8.6, quantity treated onsite, the corrected releases of hydrogen sulfide are shown below:

**RELEASES OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE AS SHOWN ON THE 2012 FORM R
 AND REVISIONS**

Line no.	description	Pounds released shown on 2012 Form R	REVISED 6-10-2014 Pounds released Note 1
5.1	Fugitive or non-point releases	517,048	517,042
5.2	Stack or point releases	4,632	29,007
5.3	Discharges to receiving streams of water bodies	305	305
5.5.2	Land treatment	1,477	1,477
7A.1a	Waste stream: waste water Waste treatment methods H123, settling or clarification H081, biological treatment with or without precipitation		
7B	Onsite energy recovery processes U01, industrial kiln U03, industrial boiler		
8.2	Quantity used for energy recovery onsite	309,899	0
8.6	Quantity treated onsite	283,290	284,587

Note 1: In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided the revised information (CBI Folder 2, tab 17).

The pulping process takes place in a unit referred to as the digester. Hydrogen sulfide is coincidentally manufactured in the digester. Gases, including hydrogen sulfide, from the digester are routed to the blow tanks and then to the incinerator (thermal oxidizer) for treatment and energy recovery (Figure C-2 of Attachment 38).

In an email dated April 11, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to provide additional information on the processing of gases exiting the digesters and blow tanks (Attachment 26). Mr. Cutbirth's reply is shown below (Attachment 26):

Upon completion of each cook, the contents of each digester are emptied (blown) to a hardwood or softwood blow tank. The gases exiting the blow tanks are routed to the NCG collection system where the non-condensable portion of these gases is ultimately burned in the Incinerator. Each of the digesters also has a small vent that is directed to the turpentine system. Emissions from this system are combined back with the other digester gases and are routed to the incinerator.

In an email dated March 27, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked if the references to the kiln and the industrial boiler as hydrogen sulfide treatment equipment were correct (Attachment 10). Mr. Cutbirth's March 31, 2014, reply is shown below (Attachment 10):

The reference to U03 in the 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide contemplates the combustion (for energy recovery and as a form of emissions control) of hydrogen sulfide gases that occurs in the on-site incinerator equipped with waste heat boiler, which is depicted on Figure C-2 of the process flow diagrams. As a back-up to the incinerator, hydrogen sulfide emissions can be routed to the 9A Power Boiler. Both the incinerator and the 9A Boiler Power would fall within the U03 – Industrial Boiler code, as we understand the codes. Hydrogen sulfide gases are not routed to the recovery boiler for combustion.

The reference to U01 in Section 7.b of the 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide appears to be in error. Although Figure C-5 does show non-condensable gases (NCGs) as an input to the lime kiln, NCGs (including hydrogen sulfide) were not burned for energy recovery in the lime kiln within the past 5 years. The piping system that would allow NCGs to be fed to the lime kiln has been blanked and/or removed.

As explained above, no NCGs (including hydrogen sulfide gases) are routed to the lime kiln for incineration. The depiction of such activity in Figure C-5 is out of date. The lime kiln burner is fired with natural gas, although that fuel source is not depicted on Figure C-5. In general, the use of natural gas by equipment other than the power boilers is not depicted on process flow diagrams.

As explained above, hydrogen sulfide should not be an input to the Recovery Boiler.

In addition to these responses, we have also attached is a copy of a presentation that was given by Dr. Zach Emerson of NCASI and Mayes Starke of Georgia-Pacific (with whom you spoke over the telephone during your visit) at a recent NCASI conference. You requested a copy of this presentation during your visit. We can arrange for you to speak with Mayes in more detail regarding the contents of this presentation, if you would find that helpful.

In an email dated April 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked for a listing of where hydrogen sulfide is manufactured in the pulping process (Attachment 25). In an email dated May 5, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth replied as follows (CBI Folder 2, tab 15):

There is no direct contact evaporator at the Crossett Paper mill. The Crossett Paper mill operates a non-direct contact evaporator, which is depicted in the Section 3.1 of the TRI calculation spreadsheet for H₂S as “Recovery Furnace NDCE”. The sources of H₂S for which we have emissions data and/or factors are set forth in Section 3.1 of the attached TRI calculations. A more detailed chart of H₂S sources is pasted below.

**POINTS AT WHICH YDROGEN
 SULFFIDE IS MANUFACTURED**

Hydrogen sulfide sources	Number of each	Comments
Blow tanks (blow gases)	2	Controlled in NCG system
Accumulator (relief gases)	1	Controlled in NCG system
Brown stock Washers (line 1 washers)	1	Controlled in NCG system
Brown stock Washers (line 2 washers)	1	Controlled in NCG system
Line 1 Decker System	1	Controlled in NCG system
Line 2 Decker System	1	Vented to atm.
Weak Black Liquor (WBL) tanks*	6	Vented to atm. (Note 1, Note 2)
Strong Black Liquor (SBL) tanks #	5	vented to atm.
High Density Storage chests (UBP storage)	3	vented to atm.
Evaporators	6	Controlled in NCG system
Recovery Furnace NDCE	1	
Smelt Dissolving Tanks	2	
White Liquor Storage Tanks	4	Vented to atm.
Lime Kiln	1	
NCG Thermal Oxidizer	1	N/A (Note 4)
Turpentine System	1	Controlled in NCG system
Steam Stripper (Striper off gases)	1	Controlled in NCG system
Pre-evaporators	1	Controlled in NCG system
Concentrator	1	Controlled in NCG system
Waste Water Treatment System:		
Primary Clarifier	1	
North ASB	1	
South ASB	1	
Surge Basin	1	
Ash Basin	1	(Note 3)

Note 1: In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth clarified the location of the six weak black liquor storage tanks (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

The weak black liquor tanks accounted for within the TRI calculations are the pine and hardwood washer tanks, filtrate feed tank (controlled by Incinerator), the 12% BLT, the 17% BLT, and a Boil Out Tank. The process flow diagrams were taken from a past Title V Permit application, and thus do not necessarily track all the emission points captured in our TRI calculations. Not every tank within the Crossett facility is depicted within these PFD's. The C2 flow diagram does reflect "to black liquor storage" which would represent the hardwood weak black liquor tank, softwood weak liquor tank and the filtrate tank in the pulp mill. The C4 flow diagram reflects two weak black liquor tanks; the 17% WBL tank and the #1 WBL tank. A third WBL tank not shown on the drawing would be the Boil Out tank.

Note 2: In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth explained the type of releases reported for the six weak black liquor tanks (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

Of the six weak black liquor tanks identified in the TRI worksheet, only the filtrate feed tank is controlled by the thermal oxidizer. The other five weak black liquor tanks vent to the atmosphere, and thus noted as "uncontrolled" in our TRI worksheet. We characterize each of these six tanks as stack or point air emission sources, thus they are accounted for in Section 5.2 of our TRI worksheet. The Form R instructions note that storage tank emissions fall within 5.2 and thus we believe this is an appropriate characterization of the type of emission sources represented by the weak black liquor tanks.

The spreadsheet associated with Section 5.2 correctly depicts the five heavy black liquor tanks as being "uncontrolled". The "uncontrolled" tank emissions and "controlled" tank emissions are then summed together as a "sum for all the tank emissions" identified. Again, we believe our approach of characterizing these storage tank emissions within Section 5.2 of our TRI worksheet is consistent with the Form R instructions.

Note 3: In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth clarified the location of the ash basin shown under wastewater treatment (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

There are two points within the system where ash accumulates and is removed for disposal; at the point ash immediately exits both 9A & 10A Boilers (Figure C-11), and then the ash settling basins located just south of the primary clarifier (figure C-12). The ash

basins depicted in C12 are the basins that we consider part of the wastewater treatment system.

Note 4: In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth clarified the meaning of the notation “N/A” (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

NA is intended to mean zero emissions. The underlying calculation spreadsheet depicts zero emissions based on information obtained from NCASI Guidance.

In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth clarified the releases from the sludge basin shown on flow chart figure C-12, which is not shown in the above chart (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

The H₂S releases associated with the sludge basin are captured in Section 5.5.2 – Land Application of the H₂S calculation worksheet, which depicts 1,477 lbs H₂S released to land. This value was derived from NCASI guidance.

In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth clarified releases from the aeration and stabilization basin (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

Based on the sampling and modeling exercise that we can describe in more detail during our call Wednesday, GP has estimated H₂S releases of 923.1 lbs/day from the north end of the ASB and 73.25 lbs from the south end of the ASB for a total of 996.35 lbs/day.

In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth discussed hydrogen sulfide releases from the holding basin (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

ADEQ classifies Mossy Lake (noted in Figure C-12) as water of the State, and thus the Crossett mill’s NPDES permit does not consider Mossy Lake to be part of the Crossett mill’s wastewater treatment system. Additionally, Mossy Lake serves as a drainage basin for a large footprint of land beyond Georgia Pacific’s ownership. For that reason, Georgia-Pacific has not sampled or otherwise estimated releases of H₂S from Mossy Lake.

In his email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth discussed hydrogen sulfide releases from the black liquor storage basin (Attachment 32). His comments are shown below:

Georgia-Pacific has not sampled or otherwise estimated releases of H₂S from the black liquor storage basin noted on Figure C-4. NCASI has no emission factors for black liquor ponds, and thus Georgia Pacific is not aware of a reliable means by which to estimate emissions from the black liquor storage pond.

The great majority of the fugitive air releases of hydrogen sulfide are coincidentally manufactured in the aeration and stabilization basins of the wastewater treatment plant. The hydrogen sulfide coincidentally manufactured is released to the atmosphere.

Mr. Cutbirth said the methodology presented in the paper titled ““Estimating H₂S and Methyl Mercaptan Emissions from Wastewater Treatment Systems”” was used to estimate releases at the wastewater treatment plant. The paper was coauthored by Georgia-Pacific and NCASI (National Council on Air and Stream Improvement) (Attachment 46).

Hydrogen sulfide is also in the fuel gas stream which is routed to an incinerator which has a heat recovery boiler (Attachment 50).

Ms. Rachel Johnson stated that ambient air levels of hydrogen sulfide at the wastewater treatment plant were low enough that maintenance personnel working on the aerators do not need to wear personal protective equipment (respirators). The wastewater treatment process encompasses the following phases (Figure C-12 of Attachment 38):

- Phase 1: Clarifier
De-watering
Sludge basin

- Phase 2: Two ash settling basins (in parallel)
Surge basin
Aeration and stabilization basin
Holding basin (Mossy Lake)

The clarified water (output) from Phase 1 is transferred to Phase 2 prior to the settling basins.

In an email dated June 20, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided the following information the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) in the wastewater treatment plant area (Attachment 64):

Employees working in the areas around the wastewater treatment system for extended periods do wear personal H₂S monitors. This includes contract employees managing the sludge press, dredging contractors and GP maintenance personnel. We have not observed H₂S levels above the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit for an 8 hour period of 10 ppm and therefore we have never required PPE to work in these areas. Employee monitors are set to alarm at 10 ppm. Employees are directed, per a posted contractor procedure, to move away from the area where these levels are observed.

In an email dated April 8, 2014, Dr. Wakeland requested information on the basis of estimate shown for release of hydrogen sulfide (Attachment 22). Mr. Cutbirth’s reply is shown below (Attachment 22).

The model used calculated the emissions based on water quality measurements of aqueous sulfide and pH at various points in the system. The model also took into account the characteristics of the wastewater treatment system (types of units and dimensions). No air monitoring was done, as the model is entirely based on aqueous data. Emission factors were not used.

The slides at the first of the presentation (Slides 6 through 10) describe the different types of ways of estimating emissions (as introduced on Slide 5 – Estimation Methods). The Zone Emissions Model (slide 10 and following) then discussed the model used for estimating emissions in this case.

The third slide was meant to convey that the reporting would first take place in July of 2013 for calendar year 2012. The presentation was made in June of 2012 when everyone was in the midst of collecting data, estimating emissions, or determining whatever means they were going to use to report hydrogen sulfide by July of 2013.

M2 code was used because the modeling was based on actual calculations (not emission factors) from various locations in the wastewater treatment system. The E1 Code was used for emission factors used to calculate stack releases.

In an email dated April 9, 2014, Dr. Wakeland requested additional information related to the basis of estimate (Attachment 22). Mr. Cutbirth's reply is shown below (Attachment 22).

Our selection of the M2 code appears to have been based on the fact that the fugitive H₂S emission estimates were calculated, at least in part, by using wastewater monitoring conducted at the mill. The wastewater monitoring consisted of aqueous sulfide measurements that were then used as inputs to the NCASI model to predict potential H₂S releases to the atmosphere. Based on your insight and feedback, we will utilize the E2 code in the future.

In his letter dated May 30, 2014, Dr. Morton Wakeland provided the following information (Attachment 51):

Upon further investigation and research, your (GP's) use of code M2 for fugitive emissions for hydrogen sulfide is acceptable. While "monitoring" is used in the first part of the definition, "or measurement" is used in the second half of the definition. Because you stated Georgia-Pacific periodically sampled (measured) the water to estimate hydrogen sulfide emissions, this code is acceptable.

Chlorine

Chlorine is coincidentally manufactured in the first bleaching stage for the wood pulp. Chlorine was reported by the establishment for the five years 2008 to 2012.

The 2008 to 2012 air releases and treatment of chlorine shown on the Form R's are compared below:

CHLORINE RELEASES AND TREATMENT BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
5.1, fugitive air emissions	5	5	5	5	5
5.2, stack air emissions	2,136	1,850	2,087	1,864 Note 1	0 Note 2
7A.1d, scrubber efficiency				>50% but <95%	>99.9999%
8.6, treated onsite	12,346	10,484	11,829	10,564	13,144

Note 1: A NCASI factor was used to calculate emissions.

Note 2: A stack test dated 9-21-2011 was used to calculate emissions.

The stack air releases of chlorine from the first bleaching stage are processed through the bleach plant scrubber.

Chlorine releases for the Georgia-Pacific complex are shown below:

CHLORINE RELEASES FOR THE THREE ESTABLISHMENTS

Establishment	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
Paper and Pulp	5	1,959	2,092	1,869	5
Chemicals	520	240	300	250	150
Plywood/Stud Mill	NA	NA	NA	NA	Mill idled
TOTAL	525	2,199	2,392	2,119	155

Chlorine is otherwise used for disinfecting process water which is supplied to all three establishments. Chlorine is also used to disinfect well water for potable water use at the

Paper Operations. There are no releases in chlorination process. The facility uses one ton cylinders of chlorine for the process.

Chlorine Dioxide

Chlorine dioxide is used in the first bleaching stage to bleach the kraft pulp to a white pulp.

Chlorine dioxide is manufactured onsite using the following chemicals:

Sulfuric acid	Methanol
Sodium chlorate	Hydrogen peroxide

The 2008 to 2012 air releases and treatment of chlorine dioxide shown on the Form R's are compared below:

CHLORINE DIOXIDE RELEASES AND TREATMENT BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
5.1, fugitive air emissions	5	5	5	5	5
5.2, stack air emissions	3,329	3,110	3,170	3,194 Note 1	0 Note 2
7A.1d, scrubber efficiency	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%	>99.9999%
8.6, treated onsite	329,585	307,867	313,852	316,174	313,963

Note 1: A NCASI factor was used to calculate emissions.

Note 2: A stack test dated 9-21-2011 was used to calculate emissions.

In an email dated June 10, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked the following question (Attachment 31):

The 2012 Form R for chlorine dioxide indicates 0 (zero) stack emissions. It was mentioned at the inspection that a September 21, 2011, stack test was used to determine this value. What was the detection limit for chlorine dioxide in this test?

In an email dated June 20, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth replied as follows (Attachment 64):

The method utilized to determine CL and CLO2 concentrations is a titration using a color change indicator; NCASI Method TI-520. Method TI-520 does not depict a minimum detection level as it is wet chemistry.

The stack air releases from chlorine dioxide manufacturing are processed through the bleach plant scrubber.

In an email dated April 7, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to provide additional information on the 2012 usage of chlorine dioxide (CBI Folder 2, tab 12). The reason for the request was that the value shown in the spread sheet for the amount otherwise used does not equal the amount manufactured.

In an email dated April 11, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth agreed that the amount of chlorine dioxide manufactured should equal the amount of chlorine dioxide otherwise used (CBI Folder 2, tab 12). Mr. Cutbirth’s reply is shown below.

The “manufactured” amount of... pounds of chlorine dioxide solution was the correct value to use for the threshold determination for reporting year 2012. Mr. Wakeland is correct in that the value of... utilized for “manufactured” should have also been the value for “otherwise used”. Notwithstanding this oversight, we believe the “release” value originally reported remains accurate.

Cresol

The 2008 to 2012 air releases and treatment of cresol are compared below:

RELEASES AND TREATMENT OF CRESOL BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
5.1, fugitive air emissions	6	5	5	5	4
5.2, stack air emissions	57,511	55,592	56,428	54,672 Note 1	1,625 Note 2
7A.1b, waste treatment method Note 3	H040	H040 H123 H081	H040	H040	H040
7A.1d, treatment efficiency	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%	>99% but <99.99%
8.6, treated on site	NA Note 4	NA Note 4	NA Note 4	NA Note 4	NA Note 4

Note 1: Emissions were calculated using a NCASI factor.

Note 2: Emissions were calculated using a **new NCASI factor**.

Note 3: H040, incineration – thermal destruction other than use as a fuel
H123, settling or clarification
H081, biological treatment with or without precipitation

Note 4: Since a gas stream was sent to an incinerator there should be a value shown in line 8.6.

The inspector requested a copy of the old and the new NCASI factors. The facility is to provide the factors by April 9th.

The facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

As set forth in the TRI calculation spreadsheets we provided to you, Crossett Paper relies on NCASI-derived emission factors to measure releases of Creosol. For reporting years 2008 -2010 the NCASI guidance on Creosol emissions suggested using a median emission factor of < 5.0E-02 lbs/ton black liquor solids for the recovery furnace (referred to as a Recovery Furnace, NDCE). That emission factor was updated in the 2010 version of the NCASI guidance and was reported as “—”. NCASI guidance provides that this symbol should be treated as an emission factor of 0.0E-0, which is the approach Crossett Paper followed in TRI reporting years 2011 and 2012 for this particular source.

It would appear the Crossett Paper’s failure to include any amounts in line 8.6 for treatment on-site was an oversight on our part, as the underlying calculation spreadsheets do estimate the amount of Cresol that was treated on-site.

Lead and Lead Compounds

Lead and/or lead compounds are found in the following:

Wood logs	Wood chips	TDF (tire derived fuel)
Hog fuel		Oil (used to start recovery boiler)

The 2008 to 2012 releases and treatment of lead and lead compounds shown on the Form R’s are compared below:

LEAD AND LEAD COMPOUNDS RELEASES AND TRETMENT BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
5.1, fugitive air emissions	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5.2, stack air emissions	137	172	161	144	183
5.3, discharges to water	216	197	193	179	254
5.5, land onsite	186 12,241	322 10,194	483 11,219	595 9,452	909 848 Note 1
7A.1b, waste treatment method Note 2	H123 H082	H123 H082	H123 H082	H123 H082	H123 H082
7A.1d, treatment efficiency	>50% but <95%				
8.6, treated onsite	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note 1: New NCASI factors were used for 2012 reporting.

Note 2: H123, settling or clarification
 H082, adsorption

The facility was requested to provide the old and new NCASI factors. The information is to be provided by April 9th.

In an email dated April 7, 2014, the facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

The decrease in reported releases of Lead Compounds from RY2011 to RY2012 was primarily attributable to a change from the use of the *mean* value of the NCASI data set for the concentration of lead in various types of wood fuel to the use of the *median* value.

In RY2012, Crossett Paper also changed the factor used to measure Lead Compound discharges to water – the facility switched from using a NCASI factor to using a factor based on facility-specific analytical data. This switch caused a slight increase in the value of Lead Compound discharges to water.

The following additional information was shown on the 2012 Form R:

Form R line number	Description
8.10	Source Reduction Activities: W19 – other changes in operating practices
8.11	Additional Information: W19 – mill wide effort to reduce process water use

For both line 8.10 and 8.11 above, at the time of the inspection, the Staff was not able to explain how the above activities affected the reduction from 2011 to 2012 of the fugitive air, stack air and water releases. The Staff said that they would investigate and reply by April 9th.

In an email dated April 7, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to provide additional information on the 2012 usage of lead and lead compounds (CBI Folder 2, TAB 13).

In an email dated April 7, 2014, the facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

The references to “other changes in operating practices” and “mill-wide effort to reduce process water use” were included in Lines 8.10 and 8.11, respectively, to account for the concerted effort at Crossett Paper to reduce water use. This effort resulted in a decrease in the volume of water discharged to the Ouachita River. Because the volume of water discharged from the mill is one of the inputs into Crossett Paper’s calculations of Lead Compound discharges to water, the mill’s overall reduction in water use decreased the corresponding Lead Compound discharges to water. It should be noted, however, that the decrease in Lead Compounds discharges due to water use reductions was offset by the facility’s transition to the use of a new factor based on facility-specific analytical data discussed above.

In an email dated April 22, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to clarify the wastewater treatment of lead and lead compounds (Attachment 28). In an email dated April 25, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided the following answers (Attachment 28):

- As depicted in Figure C-12, Crossett Paper’s wastewater treatment system receives some solids in the form of paper making residuals and boiler ash. Some portion of the lead compounds in the incoming wastewater streams attach to these solid materials and settle out prior to reaching the treatment system’s permitted outfall. This adsorption/settling of lead compounds has been confirmed through comparative testing performed by NCASI of wastewater streams entering and exiting wastewater treatment systems. The adsorption/settling of lead compounds is accounted for by reference to H082 (*adsorption*) and H123 (*settling or clarification*) in Section 7A.1b of the Form R.

On the Form R's for lead compounds H123, settling or clarification, and H082, adsorption, are shown as wastewater treatment codes. Line 8.6, treated onsite, is shown as NA. Mr. Cutbirth replied as follows (Attachment 28).

- We think NA is the appropriate entry for Section 8.6 for Lead Compounds. Section 8.6 refers to treatment on-site, which EPA has defined in its Form R instructions as destruction. Settling or adsorption of lead compounds does not result in the destruction of the parent metal, and thus we believe NA is the appropriate entry in Section 8.6. That approach is endorsed in EPA's Form R instructions (Jan. 2014 version, page 67), which state that "for metals and metal category compounds, you should enter NA in Sections 8.2, 8.3, 8.6 and 8.7, as treatment and combustion for energy recovery generally are not applicable waste management methods for metals and metal compounds." Any amount of lead compounds that is subject to adsorption/settling in our treatment system (as referenced in Section 7A.1b) is accounted for in Sections 8.1a or 8.1b, not
- Section 8.6."

Ethylene Glycol

Ethylene glycol was not reported for reporting year 2009. Ethylene glycol is otherwise used at the establishment.

The total of the 2009 usage of ethylene glycol at the three establishments was below the 10,000 pound otherwise use threshold (CBI Folder 2, tab 3).

For 2008, 2010 and 2011 ethylene glycol was reported by all three establishments. For 2012 ethylene glycol was reported by the Pulp and Paper Operations and the Chemical Operations.

Nitrate Compounds

Nitrate compounds are coincidentally manufactured in the wastewater treatment plant.

The 2011 and 2012 releases of nitrate compounds are shown below. Prior to reporting year 2011 nitrate compounds were not reported.

NITRATE COMPOUND RELEASES`

Form R line number	2008 to 2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
5.3, discharges to water onsite	Chemical not reported	55,852	62,403

The facility agreed to provide documentation on why nitrate compounds were not reported from 2008 to 2011. The documentation is to be provided by April 9th.

The facility replied as follows (Attachment 41).

Attached please find excerpts from a study of the facility's wastewater treatment system, referred to as the Parsons Report, Event 2 – Conventional Pollutant Analysis issued by EPA and dated October 18, 2005. The Parsons Report indicated a nitrate reading at Mossy Lake of <0.2 mg/l, which represents a non-detect. Mossy Lake is directly downstream of Outfall 001 and prior to our discharge to the Ouachita River. This non-detect value supports the non-reporting of Nitrate Compounds for RY2008-RY2010. Crossett Paper obtained additional monitoring data in late 2010/early 2011. This data should have been utilized in the original RY2011 TRI report but was inadvertently overlooked. A new Form R for RY2011 nitrate compounds was submitted on 6/24/2013.

A copy of the Parsons Report, Event 1 to 4 – Conventional Pollutant Analysis issued by the EPA and dated October 18, 2005, is included in CBI Folder 2, tab 9.

The following additional information was shown on the 2012 Form R:

Form R line number	Description
8.10	Source Reduction Activities: W19 – other changes in operating practices
8.11	Additional Information: W19 – mill wide effort to reduce process water use

For both line 8.10 and 8.11 above, at the time of the inspection, the Staff was not able to explain how the above activities affected the reduction from 2011 to 2012 of the fugitive air, stack air and water releases. The Staff said that they would investigate and reply by April 9th.

The facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

Similar to Lead Compounds, the references to “other changes in operating practices” and “mill-wide effort to reduce process water use” were included in Lines 8.10 and 8.11, respectively, of the Form R for Nitrate Compounds to account for the concerted effort at Crossett Paper to reduce water use. This effort resulted in a decrease in the volume of water discharged to the Ouachita River. Because the volume of water discharged from the mill is one of the inputs into Crossett Paper's calculations of Nitrate Compound discharges to water, the mill's overall reduction in water use decreased the corresponding Lead Compound discharges to water.

Sulfuric Acid Aerosols

The facility last reported sulfuric acid aerosols in 2008. The usage of sulfuric acid aerosols for the three establishments in 2008 to 2011 and for the two establishments in 2012 was below threshold (CBI Folder 2, Attachment 1). The facility reported sulfuric acid aerosols for 2008 even though the usage was below the 25,000 pound threshold.

The sulfuric acid aerosols are a result of burning fuel oil to startup the recovery boiler. The aerosols are coincidentally manufactured in the stack after the gases pass through an electrostatic precipitator.

An analysis of the manufacture of sulfuric acid aerosols is shown in the Confidential Business Information as CBI Folder 2, Attachment 1. There was an order of magnitude decrease in sulfuric acid aerosols from 2006 to 2012.

Acetaldehyde

The chemical dictionary information on acetaldehyde is shown in Attachment 60

The 2008 to 2012 releases and treatment of acetaldehyde shown on the Form R's are compared below:

ACETALDEHYDE RELEASES AND TREATMENT BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012 releases, pounds
5.1, fugitive air emissions	60,274	56,817	58,059	35,768	1,220
5.2, stack air emissions	30,749	30,175	28,993	28,574	15,630
5.3, discharges to water	7,960	7,503	7,806	7,997	286
5.5, land onsite	35	45	41	38	11
7A.1b, waste treatment method Note 1	U01 U02 H040 H123 H081	U01 U02 H040 H123 H081	U01 U02 H040 H123 H081	U01 U02 H040 H123 H081	U01 U02 H040 H123 H081
8.1b, releases on site	99,018	94,540	94,899	72,377	17,147
8.2 energy recovery onsite	69,840	65,938	67,333	68,994	67,322
8.6, treated onsite	78,150	73,665	92,277	100,670	72,291

Note 1: U01, industrial kiln
U02, industrial boiler
H040, incineration – thermal destruction other than use as a fuel
H123, settling or clarification
H081, biological treatment with or without precipitation

The following additional information was shown on the 2012 Form R:

Form R line number	Description
8.10	Source Reduction Activities: W19 – other changes in operating practices
8.11	Additional Information: W19 – mill wide effort to reduce process water use

At the time of the inspection the Staff was not able to explain how the above activities affected the reduction from 2011 to 2012 of the fugitive air, stack air and water releases. The Staff said that they would investigate and reply by April 9th.

The facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

It appears the entries in Lines 8.10 and 8.11 of the RY2012 Form R for Acetaldehyde are incorrect, and likely resulted from a carryover of information from a Form R for another chemical. The correct code that should have been entered in Line 8.10 is W13 – Improved maintenance scheduling, record keeping or procedures. The RY2011 Form R for Acetaldehyde includes this correct code. That code is referenced to account for Crossett Paper’s use of facility-specific analytical data for reporting release values.

In an email dated April 16, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to clarify the 2012 Form R reporting of acetaldehyde (CBI Folder 2, Attachment 11). Mr. Cutbirth proved the following comments in his email of April 25, 2014, (CBI Folder 2, tab 11).

The disparity in the total amount of Acetaldehyde manufactured in our original RY2012 calculations versus the total amount of Acetaldehyde captured in Section 8 of our RY2012 Form R can be explained by our mixing and matching of factors used to calculate the fate of Acetaldehyde entering the mill’s wastewater treatment system (WWTS). In our original calculations, we used the value 1,220 lbs for the amount of Acetaldehyde volatilized in our WWTS, as that value was based on the best information we had available at the time (facility-specific modeling). In those same calculations, we used NCASI factors to estimate the amount biodegraded and discharged in the effluent. The total of all three values was less than the total amount of Acetaldehyde entering our WWTS, and thus explains the “missing” volume in Section 8. In the course of researching your question, we have discovered several other improvements that could be made to the calculation spreadsheet for RY2012 for Acetaldehyde, and thus are now submitting a revised calculation for your review. To address the issue raised in

your question, these revised calculations still use the 1,220 lbs value as the amount of Acetaldehyde volatilized from the WWTS, but we now use an discharge amount that is based on one-half the detection limit from our outfall sampling (Acetaldehyde is non-detect in our sampling) in place of the NCASI factor. Lastly, to calculate the amount biodegraded in our WWTS system, we take the total amount of Acetaldehyde entering the WWTS and subtract the amount volatilized and the amount discharged (again, rather than using the NCASI factor). **These revisions ensure that our total amount manufactured/processed/otherwise used will be equal to the total amount in Section 8 of the Form R.**

Ammonia

Descriptive information on anhydrous ammonia is shown in Attachment 52.

The following table summarizes the onsite releases and onsite treatment of ammonia shown on the Form R's from 2008 to 2012.

AMMONIA RELEASES AND TREATMENT BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 pounds	2009 pounds	2010 pounds	2011 pounds	2012 pounds
5.1, fugitive air	500	500	500	500	500
5.2, stack air	132,018	133,042	130,742	123,090	128,189
5.3 discharge to water	1073	1070	1070	941	870
7A, onsite treatment methods	H040 H123 H081	H040 H123 H081	H040 H123 H081	H040 H123 H081	H040 H123 H081
Note 1					
8.6, treated onsite	NA Note 2	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note 1: H040, incineration – thermal destruction other than use as a fuel
 H123, settling or clarification
 H081, biological treatment with or without precipitation

Note 2: With onsite treatment efficiencies greater than 50 percent there should be a value in line 8.6 treated onsite.

The following additional information was shown on the 2012 Form R:

Form R line number	Description
8.10	Source Reduction Activities: W19 – other changes in operating practices
8.11	Additional Information: W19 – mill wide effort to reduce process water use

For both line 8.10 and 8.11 above, at the time of the inspection, the Staff was not able to explain how the above activities affected the 2012 reporting of the fugitive air, stack air and water releases. The Staff said that they would investigate and reply by April 9th.

The facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

It would appear the Crossett Paper's failure to include any amounts in line 8.6 for treatment on-site was an oversight on our part, as the underlying calculation spreadsheets do estimate the amount of Ammonia that was treated on-site.

Similar to Lead Compounds and Nitrate Compounds, the references to "other changes in operating practices" and "mill-wide effort to reduce process water use" were included in Lines 8.10 and 8.11, respectively, of the Form R for Ammonia to account for the concerted effort at Crossett Paper to reduce water use. This effort resulted in a decrease in the volume of water discharged to the Ouachita River. Because the volume of water discharged from the mill is one of the inputs into Crossett Paper's calculations of Nitrate Compound discharges to water, the mill's overall reduction in water use decreased the corresponding Lead Compound discharges to water.

Barium Compounds

The 2008 to 2012 releases and treatment of barium compounds is shown in the table below:

BARIUM COMPOUNDS RELEASES AND TREATMENT BY TYPE

Form R line number	2008 releases, pounds	2009 releases, pounds	2010 releases, pounds	2011 releases, pounds	2012, releases pounds
5.1, fugitive air	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5.2, stack air	244	243	229	210	258
5.3 discharge to water	14,906	13,591	13,351	12,355	33,602
5.5, land onsite	721 84,648	1,465 72,608	2,259 78,730	2,810 66,918	4,342 66,573
7A, onsite treatment methods	A03 H123 H082	A03 H123 H082	A03 H123 H082	A03 H123 H082	A03 H123 H082
Note 1					

Note 1: A03, scrubber
 H123, settling or clarification
 H082, adsorption

During the inspection, and based on incorrect information, the Inspector questioned the accuracy of the 2011 Form R for barium compounds.

The facility replied as follows (Attachment 41):

The Form R for Barium Compounds available on TRIME web appears to be correct and matches the file copy we have on-site. During your visit, we discussed this same issue, and it appeared that you may have been referring to a Barium Compounds Form R for a different facility.

The facility was in fact correct. The Inspector had referred to a Form R for another chemical (Attachment 21).

Benzo(g,h,i)perylene

The total on site releases of benzo(g,h,i)perylene ranged from a high of 25 pounds in 2008 to a low of 20 pounds in 2012. The threshold for benzo(g,h,i)perylene is 10 pounds.

The Pulp and Paper Operations reported benzo(g,h,i)perylene for each of the years 2008 to 2012.

U. OTHER CHEMICALS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Boiler Ash

The facility has two boilers that generate boiler ash. Both burn chipped bark and/or hog fuel. Hog fuel is wood chips or shavings, residue from sawmills, etc. The name, hog fuel, comes from the machine used to create hog fuel, a hammer hog.

Part of the boiler ash is collected at the boilers and taken to the onsite land fill. The remainder is sluiced to the wastewater treatment plant. Sluicing consists of mixing the ash with water and transferring it to the wastewater treatment plant.

At the wastewater treatment plant the boiler ash settles out in two ash settling basins and is transferred to the sludge basin (an onsite land fill).

The boiler ash, collected at the boilers, is as used a cover material at the onsite land fill. No boiler ash is sold or given away. The cost of transporting the boiler ash to markets exceeds the value of the ash and the most economical disposal is to use it as landfill cover.

A TCLP (t-clip) analysis of the boiler ash is shown in Attachment 53. TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure) is a chemical analysis employed as an analytical method to simulate leaching through a landfill (Attachment 54)

Stack Descriptions

A listing of the facility's stacks and emission points is shown in CBI Folder 2, tab 10.

Benzene, CAS 71-43-2, de minimis = 0.1%

The manufacture usage of benzene was below threshold for reporting years 2008 to 2012. An analysis of the manufacture use of benzene is shown in the CBI Folder 2, Attachment 2.

Power boilers and electric generation

The facility has two waste wood (hog fuel) fired boilers and two backup natural gas fired boilers (Figure C-11, steam generation, Attachment 37).

Part of the steam from the boilers is routed through two steam turbines to generate electricity. Together with the steam turbine on the recovery boiler the facility generates approximately 70 percent of the facility's electricity needs.

The facility also has the capacity and ability to provide steam to the Chemical Operations and/or the Plywood/Stud Mill during down time on their boilers.

In an email dated April 11, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to provide clarifying information on the wood piles for the two hog fuel fired boilers shown on the process flow diagram (Attachment 37, Figure C-11). Mr. Cutbirth's reply is shown below:

You are correct, 9A and 10A Boilers each have a hog fuel storage pile (Figure C-11 calls these two storage areas wood waste piles) associated with each boiler. The 9A bark pile is located northwest of 9A Boiler and the 10A bark pile is located just east of 10A Boiler. I see that the Facility Map calls 9A Boiler bark pile "bark storage" and the 10A Boiler bark pile is called "wood waste pile". All of these names are synonymous with "wood waste".

Recovery boiler and electric generation

The recovery boiler is fueled with concentrated black liquor and generates steam to run a steam turbine to generate electricity (Figure C-4, liquor recovery, in Attachment 37).

The boiler also produces smelt which contains sodium sulfide which is mixed with process water to form green liquor. Green liquor is then reacted with lime to generate white liquor.

For startup the recovery boiler is fired with oil. TRI chemicals in the oil are taken into consideration for the threshold calculations.

In an email dated March 31, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided the following comments related to the recovery boiler (Attachment 10):

The reference to U03 in the 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide contemplates the combustion (for energy recovery and as a form of emissions control) of hydrogen sulfide gases that occurs in the on-site incinerator equipped with waste heat boiler, which is depicted on Figure C-2 of the process flow diagrams. As a back-up to the incinerator, hydrogen sulfide emissions can be routed to the 9A Power Boiler. Both the incinerator and the 9A Boiler Power would fall within the U03 – Industrial Boiler code, as we understand the codes. Hydrogen sulfide gases are not routed to the recovery boiler for combustion.

No, as explained above, hydrogen sulfide should not be an input to the Recovery Boiler.

NAICS codes for Paper operations

The Pulp and Paper Operations reports the following NAICS codes (Attachment 55).

NAICS CODE	PRIMARY	NAICS CODE DESCRIPTION
322110	YES	Pulp Mills
322121	NO	Paper (except Newsprint) Mills
322130	NO	Paperboard Mills

322110: The Pulp and Paper Operations receives both pine and hardwood logs and debarks them. They then chip the logs and pulp the chips. The pulp is then bleached.

322121: The Pulp and Paper Operations then takes the pulp and converts it into toilet tissue (paper) and paper towel stock. The stock is then made into rolls and packaged.

322130: The Pulp and Paper Operations then takes the pulp and converts it into paperboard (a thicker paper) which is used at another location to manufacture products such as paper plates.

Dr. Wakeland requested additional information from the facility regarding NAICS codes for GP's three establishments (Attachment 19). In an email reply dated April 17, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth stated the following in response to Dr. Wakeland's questions (Attachment 19):

4.5 NAICS Codes

NAICS CODE	PRIMARY	NAICS CODE DESCRIPTION
322110	YES	Pulp Mills
322121	NO	Paper (except Newsprint) Mills
322130	NO	Paperboard Mills

Crossett Paper is an integrated pulp and paper mill that manufactures pulp to make paper towels, tissue and paperboard products. The paper towel and tissue manufacturing operations fall within NAICS code 322121, while the paperboard manufacturing operations fall within NAICS code 322130.

From an accounting perspective, Crossett Paper tracks the finances of its towel & tissue production and paperboard production on separate ledgers at the mill level. That said, many operations and services at the mill are shared among the two product groups, including operations such as the wood yard, pulp production, and utilities along with capability groups such as accounting, EHS, maintenance, HR and mill leadership (i.e., a single Plant Manager oversees operations at the entire Crossett Paper Plant).

Products of Combustion from Motor Vehicles Etc.

In an email dated April 9, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to determine if the products of combustion from motor vehicles were taken into consideration during the calculations of releases at the Pulp and Paper Operations (Attachment 23).

In an email dated April 21, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth replied to the above question and said that GP Crossett Paper had not included the products of combustion in their release calculations (Attachment 23).

To respond to your question below, Crossett Paper has not typically accounted for the coincidental manufacture of TRI chemicals via the combustion of fuels by motor vehicles operated at the mill in its EPCRA 313 calculations. For that reason, we have not determined whether accounting for that activity would impact our release calculations. We have reviewed Mr. Wakeland's note to the Crossett Chemical plant, and we continue to believe that the guidance Mr. Wakeland references does not extend to the combustion of fuel products by motor vehicles operated by third parties that deliver materials to Crossett Paper. In any event, we will continue our research to clarify this issue to ensure that we are meeting the applicable regulations in future TRI reports, as we believe neither the rules nor readily available guidance are sufficiently clear on this point.

On April 21, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth's reply was referred to Dr. Wakeland for his reply.

The inclusion of the products of combustion would not only apply to motor vehicles by also other internal combustion engines such as fire pumps and standby electric generators.

A discussion of several emails exchanged between Mr. Randy Roden (Georgia-Pacific Chemicals and the EPA is included in the March 20, 2014, inspection report for Georgia-Pacific Chemicals in Crossett, Arkansas.

Tire Derived Fuel (TDF)

The use of tire derived fuel (TDF) in the two wood fired boilers was discontinued during July 2013. Zinc compounds (zinc oxide) are the most significant TRI chemical in TDF and zinc compounds were included in the threshold calculations.

The threshold calculations indicate that the zinc compounds were manufactured.

Used (waste) Oil

On April 9, 2014, an email was sent to Mr. Cutbirth asking if the boilers at the Pulp and Paper Operations were used to dispose of used oil (Attachment 24).

In his reply to the above question Mr. Cutbirth stated that used oil is collected and burned in the recovery boiler (Attachment 24). His comments are shown below:

Yes Sir, we burn the used oil we collect and recycle it in the Recovery Boiler. If for some reason the used oil does not meet “used oil specifications” it will not be burned in the Recovery Boiler. We would manifest and dispose of the off-spec used oil through an outside vendor.

Lime Kiln

In an email dated March 31, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided information relative to the lime kiln (Attachment 10):

The reference to U03 in the 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide contemplates the combustion (for energy recovery and as a form of emissions control) of hydrogen sulfide gases that occurs in the on-site incinerator equipped with waste heat boiler, which is depicted on Figure C-2 of the process flow diagrams. As a back-up to the incinerator, hydrogen sulfide emissions can be routed to the 9A Power Boiler. Both the incinerator and the 9A Boiler Power would fall within the U03 – Industrial Boiler code, as we understand the codes. Hydrogen sulfide gases are not routed to the recovery boiler for combustion.

The reference to U01 in Section 7.b of the 2012 Form R for hydrogen sulfide appears to be in error. Although Figure C-5 does show non-condensable gases (NCGs) as an input to the lime kiln, NCGs (including hydrogen sulfide) were not burned for energy recovery in the lime kiln within the past 5 years. The piping system that would allow NCGs to be fed to the lime kiln has been blanked and/or removed.

As explained above, no NCGs (including hydrogen sulfide gases) are routed to the lime kiln for incineration. The depiction of such activity in Figure C-5 is out of date. The lime kiln burner is fired with natural gas, although that fuel source is not depicted on Figure C-5. In general, the use of natural gas by equipment other than the power boilers is not depicted on process flow diagrams.

Hog fuel (wood waste) piles

In an email dated April 11, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth was asked to clarify the Saline River Water Plant and what appears to be a single hog fuel (wood waste) pile rather than two (Attachment 26). He was also asked to clarify if the digesters are vented.

In an email dated April 15, 2014, Mr. Cutbirth provided the following reply to the above questions (Attachment 26).

You are correct, 9A and 10A Boilers each have a hog fuel storage pile (Figure C-

11 calls these two storage areas wood waste piles) associated with each boiler. The 9A bark pile is located northwest of 9A Boiler and the 10A bark pile is located just east of 10A Boiler. I see that the Facility Map calls 9A Boiler bark pile “bark storage” and the 10A Boiler bark pile is called “wood waste pile”. All of these names are synonymous with “wood waste”.

Non-condensable gases (NCG)

Mr. Cutbirth provided the following information on non-condensable gases:

Upon completion of each cook, the contents of each digester are emptied (blown) to a hardwood or softwood blow tank. The gases exiting the blow tanks are routed to the NCG collection system where the non-condensable portion of these gases is ultimately burned in the Incinerator. Each of the digesters also has a small vent that is directed to the turpentine system. Emissions from this system are combined back with the other digester gases and are routed to the incinerator.

V. MATHEMATICAL PROCEDURES FOR CALCULATIONS

Attachment 59 is a spreadsheet showing “Description of information used in making the Form R threshold determinations.

W. MATHEMATICAL PROCEDURES FOR UTILIZING FORM A’s

The establishment did not utilize any Form A’s for reporting for the years 2008 to 2012.

X. TIER TWO REPORT

A copy of the 2013 Tier Two Report is included in the inspection folder. The report was reviewed for TRI chemicals used at the facility.

Y. ANNUAL EMISSIONS INVENTORY REPORT

A copy of the 2012 Annual Emissions Inventory Report is included in the inspection folder. The report provides a second source of information on the chemical releases by the facility.

Z. LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

Source	Latitude	Longitude	Comments
2004 Form R	033° 08' 41" 033.144722	091° 58' 17" 091.971389	(Attachment 58)
Facility Registry System (FRS)	33.141395	-91.97395	(Attachment 3)
Center of Manufacture	33.141395	-91.97395	The Center of Manufacture is equal to the Facility Registry System latitude and longitude readings (Attachment 63)
Inspector			Readings were not taken.

AA. CLOSING CONFERENCE

The Staff was very cooperative throughout the inspection and tour.

The inspection was concluded at approximately 4:45 pm.

Lawrence V. Stranne, P.E.
EPCRA 313 Inspector

- Attachments:
1. Plywood/Stud Mill idled production
 2. Notification to the State of Arkansas
 3. FRS lat and lon
 4. Kaiser 3-20-2014 letter
 5. GP web site information
 6. History from GP web site
 7. Information from the 2010 Arkansas Manufacturers Register
 8. Environmental Justice Information
 9. 2-28-2014 letter, notification of inspection
 10. 3-27-2014 request for information on H2S etc.
3-31-2014 GP reply
3-31-2014 question on recovery furnace
3-31-2014 GP reply
 11. 3-28-2014 request for miscellaneous information
 12. 3-28-2014 request for information on flow chart
5-20-2014 request for copy of reply
5-21-2014 GP reply

13. 4-1-2014 request for H2S information
14. 4-1-2014 GP request for copy of the inspection report
15. 4-2-2014 request for information on venting of equipment
4-3-2014 GP reply
16. None
17. Form R DUNS numbers
18. Request for copies of MSDS's
4-17-2014 GP reply
19. 4-8-2014 forwarded Wakeland request
20. 4-7-2014 GP reply on CBI
21. 4-7-2014 barium compounds
22. 4-8-2014 request for information on basis of estimate
4-8-2014 GP reply
4-9-2014 request for additional information
4-11-2014 GP reply
23. 4-9-2014 request for information on products of combustion
4-21-2014 GP reply
24. 4-9-2014 question on used oil
4-11-2014 GP reply
25. 4-10-2014 questions on H2S
26. 4-11-2014 questions on the facility map
4-15-2014 GP reply
27. 4-22-2014 request for information on TRS
28. 4-22-2014 question on wastewater flow chart
4-25-2014 GP reply
29. 5-30-2014 questions on flow chart and black liquor tanks
30. 5-30-2014 request for additional spread sheets for H2S
5-30-2014 questions of flow charts
31. 6-10-2014 questions on landfill and H2S emissions
32. 6-10-2014 GP provided information for the 6-11-2014 conference call
33. 6-10-2014 GP provided information on H2S and methyl mercaptan releases
34. None
35. 3-19-2014 sign in sheet
36. Map of facility
37. Process flow chart
38. Revised process flow charts
39. EPA RCRA inspection note
40. EPA RCRA inspection report
41. GP reply on wastewater treatment plant acreage
42. Description of the kraft process
43. Nitrate compounds Form R postmark date
44. None
45. Form R reports by the three facilities
46. Report on H2S and methyl mercaptan releases

47. List of pulp mills releasing H₂S
48. List of all industries releasing H₂S
49. Chemical dictionary and Wikipedia information on H₂S
50. 3-31-2014 GP reply on H₂S emissions
51. 5-30-2014 threshold and release calculations
52. Chemical dictionary information on anhydrous ammonia
53. 12-6-2012 TCLP test results
54. TLCP description
55. NAICS code information
56. None
57. None
58. Form R lat and lon
59. Threshold determinations
60. Chemical dictionary information for acetaldehyde
61. 3-20-2014 Sarah Ross notes
62. 6-9-2014 conference call on 6-11-2014
63. Center of manufacture lat and lon
64. 6-20-2014 reply to questions during conference call
65. Emails related to revising flow charts
66. Suggested changes to the draft inspection report
67. Request for copy of Attachment 8

EJSCREEN Report

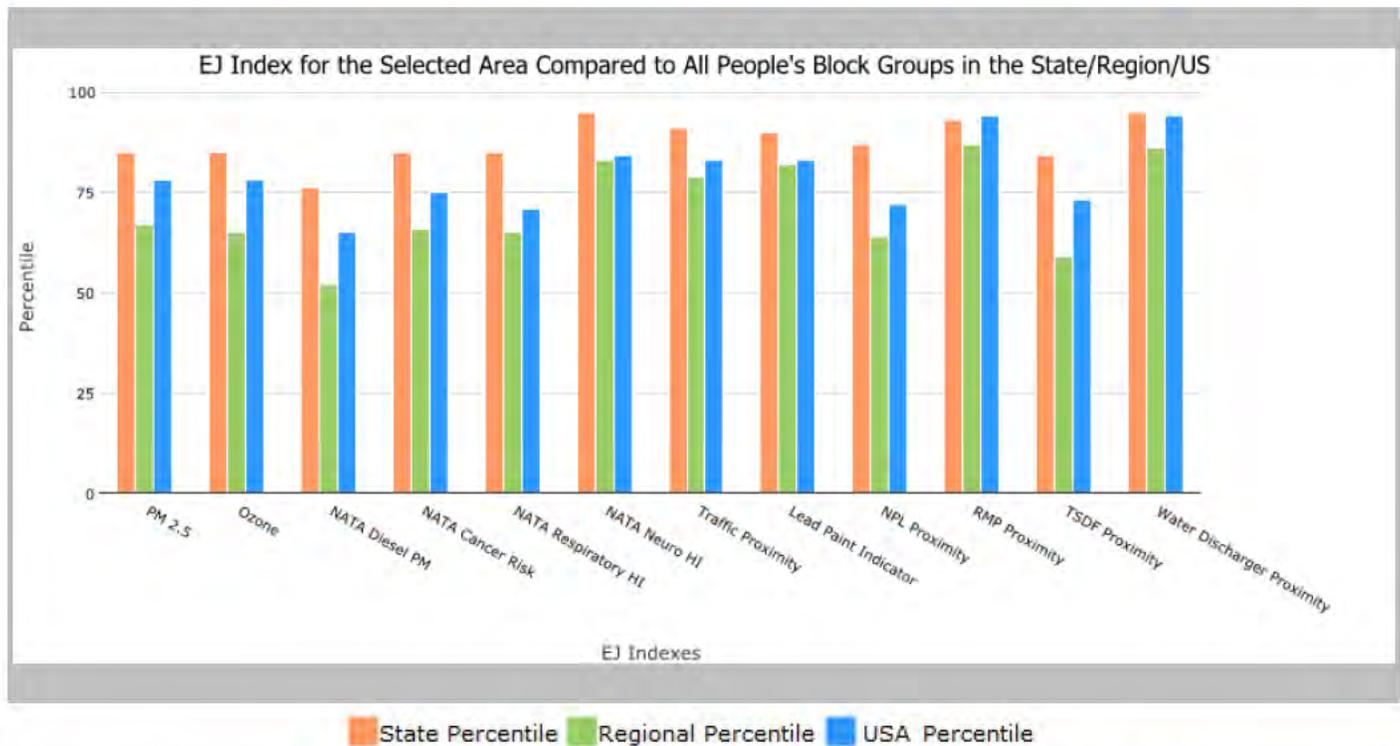


for Block Group 050039606002, ARKANSAS, EPA Region 6

Approximate Population: 1099

Georgia Pacific Crossett Paper Operations 06-2015-0507

Selected Variables	State Percentile	EPA Region Percentile	USA Percentile
EJ Indexes			
EJ Index for PM2.5	85	67	78
EJ Index for Ozone	85	65	78
EJ Index for NATA Diesel PM	76	52	65
EJ Index for NATA Air Toxics Cancer Risk	85	66	75
EJ Index for NATA Respiratory Hazard Index	85	65	71
EJ Index for NATA Neurological Hazard Index	95	83	84
EJ Index for Traffic Proximity and Volume	91	79	83
EJ Index for Lead Paint Indicator	90	82	83
EJ Index for Proximity to NPL sites	87	64	72
EJ Index for Proximity to RMP sites	93	87	94
EJ Index for Proximity to TSDFs	84	59	73
EJ Index for Proximity to Major Direct Dischargers	95	86	94



This report shows environmental, demographic, and EJ indicator values. It shows environmental and demographic raw data (e.g., the estimated concentration of ozone in the air), and also shows what percentile each raw data value represents. These percentiles provide perspective on how the selected block group or buffer area compares to the entire state, EPA region, or nation. For example, if a given location is at the 95th percentile nationwide, this means that only 5 percent of the US population has a higher block group value than the average person in the location being analyzed. The years for which the data are available, and the methods used, vary across these indicators. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports.

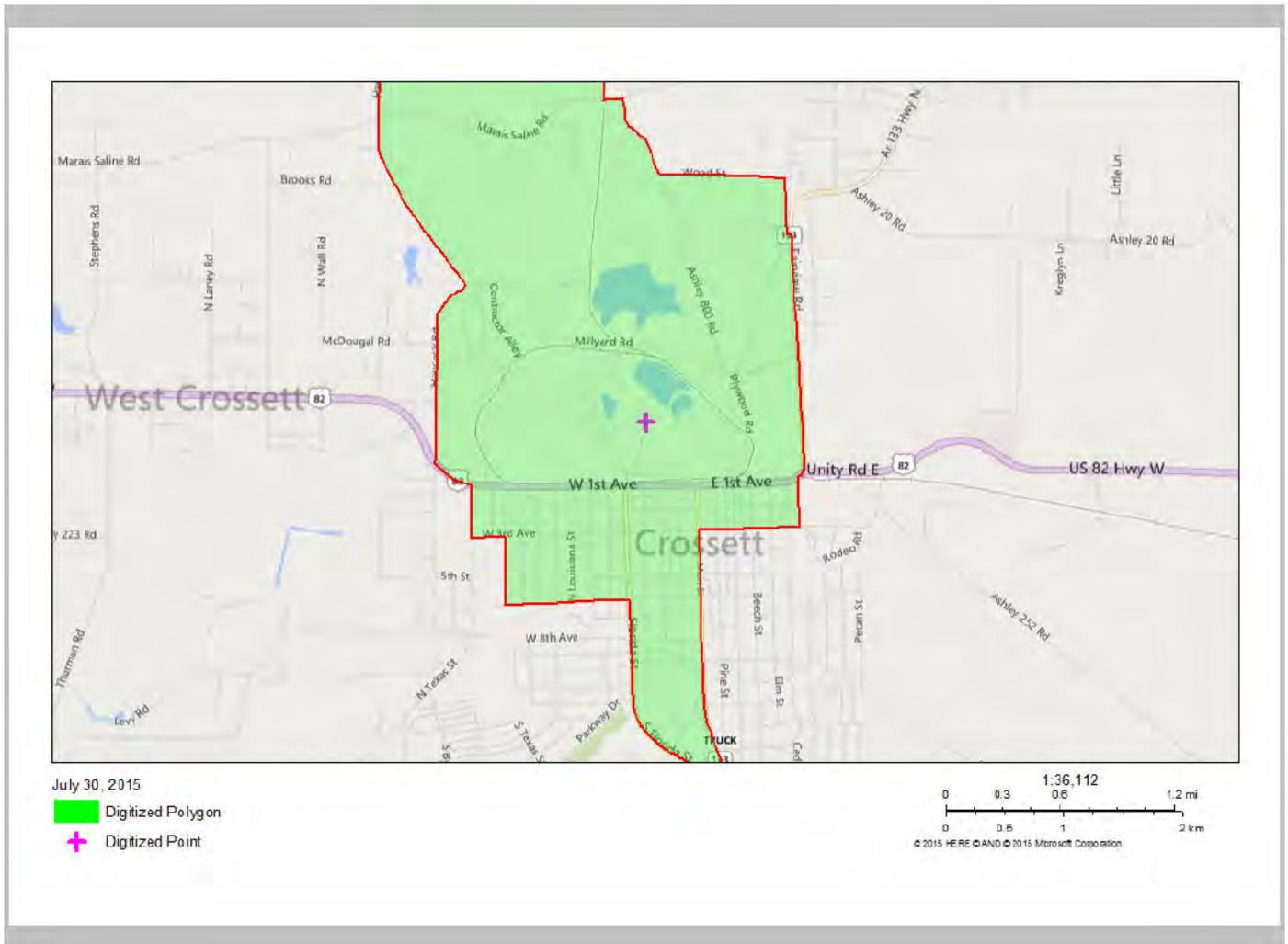
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Selected Variables	Raw Data	State Avg.	%ile in State	EPA Region Avg.	%ile in EPA Region	USA Avg.	%ile in USA
Environmental Indicators							
Particulate Matter (PM 2.5 in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	10.1	10.6	22	9.77	56	9.78	54
Ozone (ppb)	45.7	47.4	23	48.6	33	46.1	45
NATA Diesel PM ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)*	0.0681	0.245	26	0.733	<50th	0.824	<50th
NATA Cancer Risk (lifetime risk per million)*	40	40	57	42	<50th	49	<50th
NATA Respiratory Hazard Index*	1.1	1.1	61	1.4	<50th	2.3	<50th
NATA Neurological Hazard Index*	0.095	0.038	98	0.043	95-100th	0.063	80-90th
Traffic Proximity and Volume (daily traffic count/distance to road)	100	64	82	81	79	110	74
Lead Paint Indicator (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.31	0.18	82	0.19	77	0.3	60
NPL Proximity (site count/km distance)	0.023	0.033	66	0.063	39	0.096	27
RMP Proximity (facility count/km distance)	1.3	0.33	94	0.42	92	0.31	95
TSDF Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.014	0.046	53	0.062	29	0.054	36
Water Discharger Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.74	0.25	92	0.35	87	0.25	93
Demographic Indicators							
Demographic Index	62%	34%	88	44%	74	35%	84
Minority Population	70%	26%	91	49%	70	36%	80
Low Income Population	55%	42%	74	39%	73	34%	81
Linguistically Isolated Population	4%	2%	85	6%	59	5%	68
Population With Less Than High School Education	21%	17%	68	18%	63	14%	75
Population Under 5 years of age	4%	7%	30	7%	25	7%	32
Population over 64 years of age	24%	14%	91	11%	94	13%	91

* The National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) is EPA's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. EPA developed the NATA to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that NATA provides broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the NATA analysis can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/natamain/index.html>.

For additional information, see: www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice

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Subject: Ouachita Riverkeeper & LEAN's Title VI Complaint against Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 3:48:33 PM
Attachments: [4-26-16 - Final EJ Petition with Exhibits.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Golightly-Howell,

Ouachita Riverkeeper and Louisiana Environmental Action Network submit the attached complaint against the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and the EPA's implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7. We have also submitted a copy by U.S. Certified Mail.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fifteenth Amendment civil rights complaint re: No early voting locations in St. Augustine, Florida
Date: Sunday, April 03, 2016 12:46:14 PM

Dear Assistant Attorney General Gupta:

A. Thank you for promptly referring my March 22, 2016 civil rights complaint against Governor RICHARD LYNN SCOTT'S invidiously discriminatory veto of \$200,000 in matching grant funds for West Augustine sewers to the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida (which promptly called and wrote me on the morning of March 31, 2016). It was good to hear from you.

B. I write today about another critical St. Augustine, Florida civil rights issue, this one under the Fifteenth Amendment, Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI and Voting Rights Act issue involving our community -- one that has persisted since 2004 -- **denial of equal early voting opportunities within the territorial limits of our City of St. Augustine:**

1. Please begin a civil, criminal and administrative investigation -- hopefully in conjunction with the FBI and a federal grand jury -- of voter suppression and the repeated **racist refusal of the St. Johns County, Florida Supervisor of Elections to allow early voting anywhere within some 12.3 square miles of land area of our nation's oldest European-founded city, St. Augustine Florida, during our 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 primary elections, and without DOJ's prompt action, for the 2016 general elections.**
2. Without a remedy, that will have been since 2004 a total of sixteen (16) elections without an early voting location within the territorial limits of our Nation's Oldest City, founded on September 8, 1565. This is a Fifteenth Amendment violation.
3. St. Augustine, Florida is where the first African-Americans lived, free and slave. This is where the Underground Railroad first ran, starting in 1671, with the Spanish freeing British slaves, leading to the British burning down our town. This is where the first American community founded by freed slaves was founded after the Civil War (Little Africa, now known as Lincolnville, 1866).
4. This is where segregationist city and county law enforcement officers arrested Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1964, the only place where Dr. King was arrested in Florida and the very last place he was arrested before the 1964 Civil Rights Act was enacted. History teaches that President Lyndon Baines Johnson was able to break a formidable Senate filibuster as a result of the KKK and law enforcement racist violence on our streets, seen on national and international news, with 180 accredited reporters

here covering the events of June, 1964.

5. On June 11, 1964, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called this "the most lawless" place in America., writing Rabbi Israel Dressner about the segregationist bullies who ran this place, to include Sheriff LAWRENCE O. DAVIS, a KKK member who deputized KKK members and incarcerated Dr. King and other civil rights activists.
6. The current Sheriff, DAVID BERNERD SHOAR, f/k/a "HOAR, who is under FBI investigation, is the head of the local political machine. Sheriff DAVID SHOAR actually published a paen to Sheriff LAWRENCE O. DAVIS on his website, inter alia falsely stating that Sheriff DAVIS was "exonerated" of corruption charges (he was removed by the Florida State Senate by vote of 44-2) and falsely stating that Sheriff DAVIS "held the town together" when in fact the KKK and law enforcement officers who were KKK members rioted, requiring relief from United States District Court Judge Bryan Simpson. Sheriff SHOAR's website even said that Dr. King was arrested by "federal agents," but that error was corrected after I wrote him on August 28, 1964, the anniversary of Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech.
7. There were 41 African-American owned businesses in Lincolnton in 1964. None survive.
8. African-American Florida Memorial University was run out of town by the KKK by 1968 because it was a center of desegregation activism.
9. Meanwhile, the then-racist City government here annexed land, resulting in intentional diminution of African-American voting strength in St. Augustine from 25% to 12.5%, 1964-2005, in probable violation of the Fifteenth Amendment.
10. When I publicly objected to this pattern of annexations at a City Commission meeting on April 9, 2005, then-City Manager WILLIAM B. HARRISS threatened me with "arrest" for "disorderly conduct." I presented an affidavit from Ms. Sue Neely, who heard his threats -- the members of the City Commission did nothing about it. HARRISS left office in 2010, going to work for Sheriff SHOAR.
11. Intentionally diminishing minority voting strength and disenfranchising African-Americans who had elected Commissioner Moses "Coach" Floyd, our St. Johns County Commission redistricted itself in 1998, eliminating civil member districts, changing from seven elected from districts to five elected by all voters but required to live in districts. Tellingly, the County Commission redistricted itself in this manner -- in probable violation of the Fifteenth Amendment --- without a consultant, without a decennial census and outside the ordinary course of business. Again, it did so for the purpose of eliminating single member districts, which had resulted in election of an African-American.
12. After the very unexpected election of an African-American to County Commission in 2008, Sheriff DAVID BERNARD SHOAR and his henchmen campaigned against him. SHOAR thus succeeded in defeating J. Kenneth Bryan, an African-American Justice Department retiree, who was our County Commission Chairman, using developer funding and advertisements on Fox News in defeating him in 2012.
13. Sheriff SHOAR and his henchmen also campaigned against Benjamin Rich, Sr., a retired federal agent, whom they defeated in 2008.
14. Sheriff SHOAR and his allies campaigned against both of these ethical, honorable retired federal employees, in 2008 and 2012, at least in part as retaliation for their First Amendment rights and their support of Fifteenth Amendment rights.
15. While Respondent VICKI OAKES is nominally a constitutional officer under Florida law, the record will support the inference that she and her predecessors met with and often did the bidding of, and took advice and instructions from Sheriff DAVID BERNARD SHOAR and his predecessors.
16. The result is that African-Americans here still live in fear, in a milieu where voting is discouraged and disempowered.
17. Despite repeated respectful requests and moral suasion from citizens, elected officials and our St. Johns County Democratic Executive Committee in 2012 -- and the helpful compromise suggested by our County Attorney, Patrick McCormack -- Respondent ST. JOHNS COUNTY ELECTION, FLORIDA SUPERVISOR of ELECTIONS (SoE) VICKI OAKES (OAKES) adamantly refused to allow early voting at the St. Augustine Public Library for the 2012 General Election. Why?
18. Respondent SoE OAKES is a very partisan Republican in a county dominated by Republicans, a county with a long sordid history of Jim Crow segregation, whose actions helped President Lyndon Johnson persuade Congress to enact our 1964 Civil Rights Act. The majority of voters within city limits are Democrats.
19. The closest early voting location to the African-American communities of West Augustine and

Lincolnvile is several miles north of downtown, next to the Sheriff's office, along US 1 (which lacks proper sidewalks, reportedly resulting in deaths and injuries to pedestrians and bicyclists).

20. In 2012, Florida cut nearly in half the number of early voting locations, to which DoJ rightly objected.
21. With the number of days of early voting reduced in 2012, OAKES should have been open to and friendly about adding additional early voting locations. Instead, OAKES has been overt in her hostility and animus to early voting within city limits. While holding a military voter registration drive dozens of miles away in another county, outside the ordinary course of business and outside her constitutional role, OAKES has been insouciant and insolent about the early voting rights of residents of St. Augustine.
22. Respondent SoE OAKES' private attorney never responded to my telephone messages in 2012.
23. Respondent OAKES was rude, deceptive and other-directed, irrationally rejecting County Attorney Patrick McCormack's excellent compromise suggestion of the Library (as opposed to my initial suggestion of St. Augustine City Hall, to which OAKES raised parking space questions).
24. Please investigate the SJC SoE and the SJC machine and its now twelve-year old St. Augustine early voting discrimination voter suppression scheme, pursuant to our 14th and 15th Amendments, the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871, 18 U.S.C. 241 and 243, 42 U.S.C. 1983 and 1985, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and the Voting Rights Act.
25. For weeks in 2012, OAKES emitted pretexts, excuses and even an undated belated justification for the SoE's wretched twelve-year voter suppression record of "redlining" and discriminating against our city, once called the "most lawless city in America" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1964.
26. Respondent VICKI OAKES no longer even bothers to emit excuses. See below.
27. No City, County or State official has spoken out.
28. While OAKES now offers red boxes within which to deposit absentee ballots, this is not the same as a fully-staffed early voting location, able to help persons with disabilities and assist voters.
29. This unequal, second-class, second rate "red box" system was apparently adopted in the wake of my prior complaints to your predecessors, every single one of which went without response or action.
30. Since Dr. King's arrest in 1964, we've made progress in our city, but our county remains tainted by racism. Respondent OAKES does not respect African-American rights and the rights of people within the City limits of the City of St. Augustine, a majority of whom are Democrats and 12.5% of whom are African-American.
31. Please investigate VICKI OAKES and the political machine of which she is a part, headed by Sheriff DAVID BERNARD SHOAR. For more on SHOAR and his record of violating citizens' constitutional rights, please consult the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the *Gennusa v. Canova* case: <http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/ops/201213871.pdf>, and the 14,000 word New York Times investigation and the PBS Frontline and NBC Dateline investigations at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/projects/2013/two-gunshots/> "Two Gunshots on a Summer Night," by Walt Bogdanich and Glenn Silber

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/death-in-st-augustine/> PBS Frontline documentary, "A Death in St. Augustine"

<http://www.nbcnews.com/datetime/full-episode-two-shots-fired-n84816> NBC News Dateline documentary, "Two Shots Fired"

32. Please empower the DoJ Community Relations Service (CRS) to help persuade OAKES to allow early voting at the St. Augustine Public Library for the 2016 General Election on November 8, 2016.
33. Otherwise, please investigate and bring a lawsuit or indictment against OAKES, et al. for civil rights violations. Let justice be done.

Let freedom ring.

Let every vote count.

Thank you for all that you do.

And thank you in advance for helping solve this problem.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Subject: Re: List of early voting places for City of St. Augustine

NONE ARE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, AS IN 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 AND 2012. WHY? THIS VIOLATES THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT. PLEASE REVISE YOUR LIST. THANK YOU.

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Subject: RE: List of early voting places for City of St. Augustine

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A list of our early voting locations can be found on our website. Here is the link,

<http://www.votesjc.com/election-information/early-voting/>

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Please send. Thank you.